

Deal 1
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ —
 ♥ —
 ♦ —
 ♣ —



♠ K Q J 10 7 4
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ A 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	4 ♦	Dbl	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	?

A five-notrump rebid by the Blackwood (or KCB) bidder confirms possession of all the aces (or of key cards if KCB), *invites* a grand slam, and asks for specific kings (bulk or specific)

Bidding: North's leap to 4D is a splinter jump showing a singleton diamond, strong spade support plus opening bid values. East's double of an artificial bid is lead directing. South has a perfect hand for slam: nothing wasted in diamonds.

Deal 2
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ —
 ♥ —
 ♦ —
 ♣ —



♠ A Q 9
 ♥ K Q 3
 ♦ A J 8
 ♣ A 7 6 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	?

A jump to five-notrump bid in a notrump-only auction invites a grand slam. (37 points for grand slam.)

Opener can:
 — bid 6NT with minimum.
 — bid 7NT with maximum.
 — bid 6 of good suit to suggest an alternative strain.

Opener cannot pass.

Deal 3
 North Deals
 None Vul

Grand Slam Force Asks for Top Trumps

♠ —
 ♥ —
 ♦ —
 ♣ —



♠ —
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ A K Q 6 5 4
 ♣ A K Q 5 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	3 ♥	Pass	?

5NT when only one possible trump suit has been bid asks:
 — Bid grand slam *with two of the top three* trump honors.
 — Else, six agreed-suit *without* two of the top three trumps

Elaborate Alternative:

— Bid grand slam with two of the top three trump honors.

Else:

- 6♣: Ace or King (Axxxxx or Kxxxxx)
- 6♦: Queen (Qxxxxx)
- 6♥: worst trumps possible (Jxxxxx)

With a lesser trump holdings, direct return is weakest.
 If South had ♥Axx, only ♥King (not ♥Q) would be of interest.

Pick-a-Slam 5NT - After Transfer

Deal 4
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ 10 5
 ♥ J 10 9 8
 ♦ J 9 7 3
 ♣ 9 8 7

♠ A Q J 2
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ K Q 10 6
 ♣ Q J 10



♠ K 7 6
 ♥ A K 5 4 2
 ♦ A 8 4
 ♣ K 5

♠ 9 8 4 3
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ A 6 4 3 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦ ¹	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	5 NT ²	Pass
6 NT	All pass		
	1. Transfer to Hearts		
	2. Pick a Slam		

After two strains have been bid, 5NT is forcing and asks Partner to pick the best slam.

South starts with 4♠+2♥+3♦+0♣ = nine winners and can promote two ♣ tricks. (That's eleven.) What can be done with ♥ and/or ♦ to get a twelfth trick? Does South play a role?

Deal 5
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ 6 4 2
 ♥ Q J 8 6
 ♦ J 10 4
 ♣ 10 5 2

♠ K 10 9 7
 ♥ A K 5 2
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ K Q J

W	N	E
	S	

♠ A Q J 5
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ Q 8 5 3
 ♣ A 7 3

♠ 8 3
 ♥ 10 9 7
 ♦ K 9 7 2
 ♣ 9 8 6 4

West	North	East	South
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♠	All pass		

5NT in this Stayman sequence offers choice of 6♠ or 6NT.

You have ten top tricks.

- In notrump you need the ♦ finesse plus a miracle to make.
- In 6♠, you simply ruff two ♥'s, and then draw trump.

Deal 6
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ K 9 8 6
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ K 6 5 2
 ♣ Q J 3

♠ Q 10 7 3
 ♥ J 10 8 3
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ 8 5 2

W	N	E
	S	

♠ J 5 4
 ♥ Q 9 6 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 4
 ♣ 6 4

♠ A 2
 ♥ K 5 4
 ♦ Q J 7
 ♣ A K 10 9 7

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	?		

What more does North have to tell South about?

Deal 7
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ K 10 9
 ♥ A Q J
 ♦ K 10 6 5 2
 ♣ 3 2

♠ Q 8 6 3
 ♥ 10 8 7 3
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ J 8 5

W	N	E
	S	

♠ J 7 5 4
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ 9 8 4
 ♣ Q 6 4

♠ A 2
 ♥ K 5 4
 ♦ Q J 7
 ♣ A K 10 9 7

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	?		

What more does North have to tell South about?

Deal 8
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ K J 9
 ♥ A J 8
 ♦ K 10 6 5
 ♣ Q 3 2

♠ 8 6 5 4 3
 ♥ 7 6 3 2
 ♦ 9 8 3
 ♣ 5

W	N	E
	S	

♠ Q 10 7
 ♥ Q 10 9
 ♦ A 4 2
 ♣ J 8 6 4

♠ A 2
 ♥ K 5 4
 ♦ Q J 7
 ♣ A K 10 9 7

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	?		

What more does North have to tell South about?

Listener's Notes for Smoot and the %NT Card Lecture 2012-9-18

Deal 1

North hand: S: A 9 8 5; H: K 9 4 3; D: 3; C: K 8 6 4

"?" bid is 7S

5NT shows solid aces or keycards depending on system played

Forcing to small slam and invites 7

6H shows number of Ks (excluding trump K depending of system)

With a source of tricks can make 7 missing 1 K

Deal 2

North hand: S: K 4 2; H: A 5 4 2; D: K 2; C: K Q J 3

"?" bid is 7C

Jump to 5NT is quantitative; forces to small slam, invites to 7

6C bid says I'm not sure of 7 (probably 16 points)but I have C assets

Deal 3

North hand: S: 3 2; H: K Q 6 5 4 3; D: 3 2; C: 3 2

"?" bid is 5NT GSF; N bids 7H

Deal 4:

5NT pick-a-slam cannot be passed.

Endplay to force H or D discard

Deal 6

5NT forcing to slam, help me pick it

"?" bid is 6C – I have delayed support for your Cs

Pass = Cs look better than NT

Deal 7

"?" bid is 6D, I have extra D length

Pass – prefer 8 card trump play to NT

Deal 8

"?" bid is 6NT