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Pass	4 💠	Dbl	4 NT
Pass	5 💠	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♡	Pass	?

A five-notrump rebid by Blackwood Asker confirms possession of all the Aces, *invites* a grand slam, and asks for Kings. Kings are shown in bulk or (better) up-the-line per Partnership agreement.

<u>Bidding</u>: 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.

Grand Slam Force Asks for Top Trumps * — North Deals None Vul * — * — * A 7 A K Q 6 5 4 A K Q 5 4 * A K Q 5 7 * A K Q 5 4 * A K Q 5 7 * A K Q 5 9 * A K Q 5 9

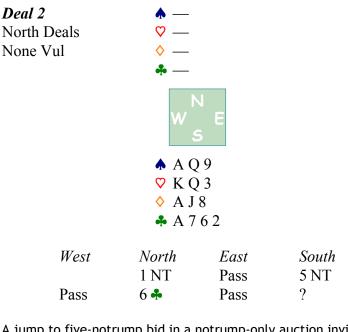
5 NT when only one possible trump suit has been bid asks:

- 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 (Axxxxxx or Kxxxxxxx)
 - 6♦: Queen (Qxxxxxx)
 - 6 ♥: worst trumps possible (Jxxxxxx)

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

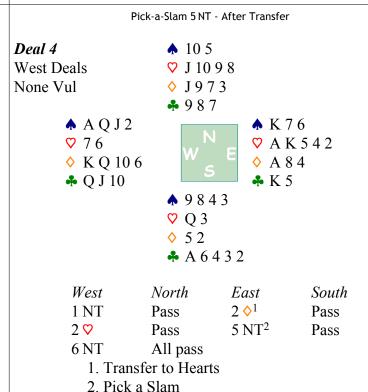


A jump to five-notrump bid in a notrump-only auction invites a grand slam. (37 points for grand slam.)

Opener can:

- bid 6 NT with minimum.
- bid 7 NT with maximum.
- bid 6 of good suit to suggest an alternative strain.

5 NT is forcing to some slam - Opener cannot pass 5 NT.



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

South starts with 4 + 2 + 3 + 0 = n in ewinners and can promote two tricks. (That's eleven.) What can be done with tricks and/or tricks to get a twelfth trick? Does South play a role?

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

All pass

You have ten top tricks.

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- In notrump you need the ◊ finesse plus a miracle to make.
- In $6 \spadesuit$, you simply ruff two \heartsuit 's, and then draw trump.

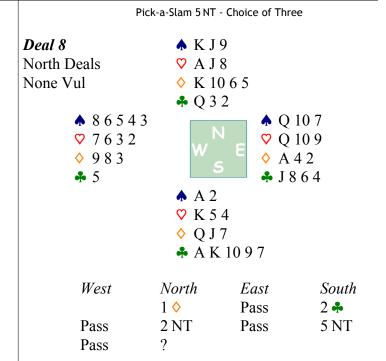
Deal 6 **∧** K 9 8 6 North Deals ♥ A 7 None Vul ♦ K 6 5 2 ♣ QJ3 ♠ Q 10 7 3 **♠** J 5 4 ♥ J 10 8 3 ♥ O 9 6 2 **♦** A 3 ♦ 10984 ***** 8 5 2 **♣** 64 **♠** A 2 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ QJ7 ♣ A K 10 9 7 West East North South 1 💠 2 🚓 Pass 2NT 5 NT Pass Pass Pass

Pick-a-Slam 5 NT - Choice of Three

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