

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 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.

Bidding: North's leap to 4♦ 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 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	?

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 (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.

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 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.

Deal 4
West Deals
None Vul

Pick-a-Slam 5 NT - After Transfer

♠ 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, 5 NT 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		

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

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
	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	?		

What more does North have to tell 5 NT bidder 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
	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	?		

What more does North have to tell 5 NT bidder 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
	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	?		

What more does North have to tell 5 NT bidder about?