

1 NT and Followups Deep  
Dive: Stayman

# Responding to 1NT Opener

- Trust Partner (even upgrades)
- With 0-8, may improve strain, but not invite
- With 8-9, typically invite
- With 10+, need to get to at least game

# Stayman

- Tells partner to bid four-card majors or 2♦ with no major.
- Typically an invitation *or better*, but can be made with a hand that wants to pass any result (short clubs)
- No Stayman with 4333 shape

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	?

South

♠ A986

♥ A3

♦ K543

♣ J83

# What is Your Plan?

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

South

♠ A986

♥ A3

♦ K543

♣ J83

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	?

South

♠ A986

♥ A3

♦ K543

♣ J83

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	?

South

♠ A986

♥ A3

♦ K543

♣ J83

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	?

South

♠ A986

♥ 83

♦ Q8543

♣ 83



# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	?

South

♠ A986

♥ Q83

♦ A43

♣ 1083

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	?

South

♠ A986

♥ KQ3

♦ AK3

♣ Q83

# Responder's Next Bid

- Raise to game or invite
- Bid 3NT (to play) or 2NT to invite
- New suit on 3-level is natural, GF, and has four-of-other major

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	?

South

♠ A986

♥ 983

♦ AQJ3

♣ 53

# What is Your Plan?

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

South

♠ A986

♥ 983

♦ AQJ3

♣ 53

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	?

South

♠ A986

♥ 3

♦ AQJ43

♣ 1083

# What is Your Plan?

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

South

♠ A986

♥ 3

♦ AQJ43

♣ 1083

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	?

South

♠ A986

♥ 3

♦ AQJ43

♣ 1083



# After a Fit is Found

- Need to confirm it!
- 3-other-major is a slam try
- 4♣ or 4♦ or 4♥ over spades are splinter bids
- 4NT is QUANTITATIVE

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	?

South

♠ A986

♥ KQ3

♦ AJ43

♣ 103

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	?

South

♠ A1086

♥ KQ3

♦ AJ43

♣ Q3

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	?

South

♠ A1086

♥ KQ3

♦ AJ43

♣ Q3

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	?

South

♠ A986

♥ 3

♦ AQJ43

♣ 1083

# Majors 5-4 or 6-4

- Transfer with no game interest
- Stayman with game forcing
- “Smolen” or Natural, Game Forcing bids on three-level
- “Delayed” Texas Transfers on 4-level

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	?

South

♠ AQ986

♥ 9863

♦ 43

♣ 83

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	?

South

♠ AQ986

♥ A863

♦ 43

♣ 83



# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	?

South

♠ AQ8643

♥ QJ103

♦ 43

♣ 3

# What is Your Plan?

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	?

South

♠ AQ643

♥ QJ103

♦ Q73

♣ 3