

Let's Play - Puppet Stayman

		Hand 1	
		Dealer South	
		North	
		♠ K 8 6 3	
		♥ Q 8 7	
		♦ 9 4	
		♣ Q 6 3 2	
West	♠ J T 9 4	♠ Q 7 2	East
	♥ 3	♥ J 6 4 2	
	♦ K J T 5 2	♦ A 8 7	
	♣ 9 5 4	♣ J T 8	
		South	
		♠ A 5	
		♥ A K T 9 5	
		♦ Q 6 3	
		♣ A K 7	

South with 20 points opens 2NT
 North 3C asking for 5 or 4 card major
 3H by South and North raises to 4H game.
 Jack of Spade lead

Drawing trumps, once West shows out on 2nd H, Jack of F
 can be finesses. Testing clubs shows 3-3 distribution on
 on the 4th Club a D in South can be discarded making 11.

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		Hand 2	
		Dealer West	
		North	
		♠ 5 2	
		♥ K T 8	
		♦ 9 5 4	
		♣ J T 9 8 3	
West	♠ A K Q 4	♠ J 9 6 3	East
	♥ Q 3 2	♥ J 7 5	
	♦ K Q J 2	♦ A 7 6 3	
	♣ A 6	♣ Q 7	
		South	
		♠ T 8 7	
		♥ A 9 6 4	
		♦ T 8	
		♣ K 5 4 2	

West opens 2NT, East 3C asking for 5 or 4 card major.

West bids 3D saying I don't have a 5 card major but have one or both 4 card majors.

East bids 3H (suit that he doesn't have 4 card major) effectively saying my 4 card major is in spades. East having a fit will bid game in spades.

On Jack of C lead, west will win. Having 1 C loser, needs one trick from Hearts.

Should draw trumps in 3 rounds, cash all the D winners and exit with C. Now if opponents play H, guarantees one trick. If play any other suit, it will give declarer a ruff and discard.

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		Hand 3	
		Dealer North	
		North	
		♠ K 9 8	
		♥ A 8 6	
		♦ A K Q 4 3	
		♣ K 6	
West	♠ Q 2	♠ 7 6 5 3	East
	♥ Q 7 4	♥ K J 3	
	♦ 6 5 2	♦ T 9 8	
	♣ Q T 8 5 4	♣ A J 7	
		♠ A J T 4	
		♥ T 9 5 2	
		♦ J 7	
		♣ 9 3 2	
		South	

North with 19 points opens 1D, South 1H and North bids 2NT showing 18-19. with 6 points, an ace two tens and 2 nines, south would raise to 3NT.

On Ten of D lead, Jack wins. Club suit is exposed and West is a danger hand. On winning Jack of D, declarer should play Jack of Spade and if not covered let it run. As it happen, he will pick up 4 spade tricks, 5 diamonds and one heart.

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		Hand 4	
		Dealer East	
		North	
		♠ 8 7 3	
		♥ T 8 6	
		♦ Q J T 9 2	
		♣ A 7	
West	♠ Q 9 5	♠ J T 6 4 2	East
	♥ K J 9 4	♥ A Q 3	
	♦ A 7	♦ K 5 3	
	♣ J 6 3 2	♣ K Q	
		♠ A K	
		♥ 7 5 2	
		♦ 8 6 4	
		♣ T 9 8 5 4	
		South	

East opens 1NT, with 11 points West uses 3C as puppet Stayman. East shows 5 card in spades and West raises to 4S.

With 3 losers (2 in spades and king of C, contract is made)

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		Hand 5	
		Dealer North	
		<u>North</u>	
		♠ A 8	
		♥ A Q 8 7	
		♦ Q 6 5	
		♣ Q J T 5	
<u>West</u>	♠ K 5 3	♠ T 9 6 2	
	♥ J 4 3	♥ T 9 2	<u>East</u>
	♦ K 9	♦ A T 8 7	
	♣ K 9 6 4 2	♣ 7 3	
		♠ Q J 7 4	
		♥ K 6 5	
		♦ J 4 3 2	
		♣ A 8	
		<u>South</u>	

1NT by North, 3C by south, north bids 3D saying I have one or both 4 cards in majors, south bids H indicating his 4 cards are in spades. North signs off at 3NT.

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		Hand 6	
		Dealer West	
		<u>North</u>	
		♠ 5	
		♥ 9 5	
		♦ K Q J T 8 2	
		♣ T 6 5 4	
<u>West</u>	♠ K J 6	♠ T 9 8 3	<u>East</u>
	♥ A K T 6	♥ J 7 2	
	♦ 5 4	♦ A 9 7 6	
	♣ K Q 8 3	♣ A J	
		♠ A Q 7 4 2	
		♥ Q 8 4 3	
		♦ 3	
		♣ 9 7 2	
		<u>South</u>	

1NT by west, maybe 2D by North, 2NT by East asking P to bid 3C (Lebensohl). East then Cue bids 3D showing Stayman hand and stopper in D. 3H by West and 3NT by East.

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		Hand 7	
		Dealer South	
		North	
		♠ K 6 2	
		♥ K Q 4	
		♦ 8 6 2	
		♣ J 5 3 2	
West	♠ A T 7 5 3	♠ J 8	East
	♥ A T 9 2	♥ J 8 6	
	♦ 9 5 4	♦ J T 7 3	
	♣ 9	♣ K Q 8 7	
		♠ Q 9 4	
		♥ 7 5 3	
		♦ A K Q	
		♣ A T 6 4	
		South	

1NT by South, 2C simple Stayman by North, 2NT by South saying I don't have a 4 card major. North would pass. On a C lead, we should pick up 3 C tricks. We have 3 D tricks. Have to play H as West has the ace. Once this is proven, perhaps test the S by playing little towards the K and if wins try Hearts again.

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		<u>North</u>	Hand 8	
		♠ K T 5 4 2	Dealer West	
		♥ T 7		
		♦ J 5 4 3		
		♣ Q J		
<u>West</u>	♠ A J 9 7	♠ Q 3	<u>East</u>	
	♥ Q 3	♥ A K 9 5		
	♦ A Q 6	♦ K T 9 8 7		
	♣ A T 8 4	♣ 9 7		
		♠ 8 6		
		♥ J 8 6 4 2		
		♦ 2		
		♣ K 6 5 3 2		
		<u>South</u>		

1NT by West, 3C by East, West bids 3D saying I have one or both 4 card majors. East bids 3S (saying my 4 cards are in Hearts) and West bids 3NT.
Should easily make 10 or 11 tricks.