

Expert Stayman
Expert Transfers

Will Jenner-O'Shea

Partner

You

1NT

??

Your call??

2C*

♠ T964

♥ Q652

♦ T7642

♣ --

2H → Pass

2S → Pass

2D* → PASS!

Partner

You

1NT

??

Your call??

2C*

♠ J8654

♥ J743

♦ T

♣ J54

2H → Pass

2S → Pass

2D* → Bid 2S!

Partner

You

1NT

2C*

♠ Q2

♥ KQT4

♦ KJ32

♣ AQT

♠ J8654

♥ J743

♦ T

♣ J54

Why play a 5-2 fit, with a 4-4 fit ?

***I recommend Simple Stayman
over 1NT.***

You can use “Garbage Stayman”

1) 3-suited, short Clubs

2) 5/4 in the Majors

**Garbage Stayman only applies
to Simple Stayman (0 points!)**

Partner

You

1NT

??

Your call??

2C*

♠ AJ92

♥ KQ742

♦ 9

♣ 832

2H → 4H

2S → 4S

2D* → Bid 3S. 5 Hearts

*I recommend using Stayman
with 5/4 in the Majors.*

*If you find a fit, play it – why tell
the opponents about the other!*

Smolen: Over a 2D* response,
bid 3H or 3S to show **5 of the
OTHER**. Opener always plays.

Partner

You

1NT

2C*

2S

Your call??

3H*

Sets SPADES

Slam interest

 **QJ52**

 **Q2**

 **AK973**

 **K5**

Partner

You

1NT

2C*

2S

3H*

♠ AKT3

♥ A87 *Slam interest*

♦ 85 *4C: Control*

♣ AJ92 *(Or 4NT)*

♠ QJ52

♥ Q2

♦ AK973

♣ K5

Partner

You

1NT

2C*

2S

3H*

♠ 8763

♥ AK3

♦ J42

♣ AQJ

NO Slam

interest

Bid 4S

♠ QJ52

♥ Q2

♦ AK973

♣ K5

After Stayman, if partner has shown a Major, bid 3-of-the-other Major to set partner's suit as trumps with SLAM INTEREST.

Opener can sign off in 4 if they are NOT interested.

Or Control or 4NT if they ARE.

If you use this method:

Then:

1NT 2C*

2S 4NT

Can be used as QUANTITATIVE.

***With slam interest, bid 3H* first,
and then bid 4NT next time.***

This is extra useful after 2NT!

2NT 3C*

3H 4C??

***Is it Natural, or a Control Bid for
Hearts?***

***Natural! (4♠/5+♣). With Heart
Slam interest, bid 3S*!***

South-African Texas Transfers:

1NT 4C Shows 6+ Hearts

4D Shows 6+ Spades

(to play in 4, or look for slam)

Partner **must** bid 4H/S.

***Texas Transfers prevent the
opposition from bidding cheaply***

If you play Texas Transfers:

1NT 4C* (Tfr to Hearts)

4H 4NT asks for Keycards

And

1NT 2D* (Tfr to Hearts)

2H 4NT is Quantitative.

Gerber!? **NO!**

If you are bidding a purely No-Trumps slam, you need 33 HCP, and if you HAVE 33 HCP, you are NOT missing 2 Aces.

If you have suits, look for them first, then use Keycard!

Partner *You*

2NT (20-22)

4C*

4NT (3 Aces)

5C*

5S (2 Kings)

6NT

 **KT8**

 **A82**

 **Q954**

 **J74**

Partner *You*
2NT (20-22) ... 6NT

Tricks??

♠ **A32**

2

♠ **KT8**

♥ **KJ3**

2-3

♥ **A82**

♦ **A73**

1 (2? 3)

♦ **Q954**

♣ **AKQ2**

4

♣ **J74**

4-Way Texas Transfers after 2NT

2NT 4C* Shows 6+ Hearts

4D* Shows 6+ Spades

4H* Shows 6+ Clubs

4S* Shows 6+ Diamonds

**After a minor Transfer, Opener
can bid “step” with slam interest**

Minors After 1NT – Simple

1NT 3C 6+Clubs, Game+

3D 6+Diamonds, Game+

2S* Weak, 6+minor

Partner responds 3C, and you

PASS or CORRECT to 3D.

Minors After 1NT – Better

1NT 2S*: 6+ Clubs

2NT*: 6+ Diamonds

Note: with 8-9 points, use Stayman, and then 2NT, even without a Major.

Minors After 1NT – Super accept

1NT 2S*: 6+ Clubs

Opener can SUPER ACCEPT if they really like the minor.

I recommend

3C: Super Accept

2NT: not really interested

Playing this super accept structure, you can use 2NT as a Transfer to Diamonds, OR Weak, 5/5 in the minors.

1NT 2NT (D, or both minors)*

*Opener bids 3D if they like them
Or 3C if they don't (Clubs is ok)*

Both Minors - Strong

1NT 3C* 5/4+ minors

Opener bids 3D to ask for the shortage.

4C/4D sets the suit.

3NT is to play (Major stoppers)

5-card Major Stayman

1NT 3D* Asks for a 5c Major

Opener bids 3H or 3S

Or 3NT with no 5-card Major.

Six-card slam try

1NT 3H/3S* 6 cards, slam

***Opener bids 4H/S with a poor
slam hand.***

Or Control, or 4NT.

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Or Control, or 4NT.

The End!

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If our 2C Stayman gets
DOUBLED (usually for a Lead)*

1NT (P) 2C (X)*

*Answering Stayman shows a
Club stopper.*

If our 2C Stayman gets
DOUBLED (usually for a Lead)*

1NT (P) 2C (X)*

PASS: No Club Stopper.

*Then Responder can XX to say:
“Answer Stayman please...”*

If our 2C Stayman gets
DOUBLED (usually for a Lead)*

1NT (P) 2C* (X)

Optionally:

*XX: I have 4 great Clubs (or 5),
perhaps we play in 2C XX **+560 !***

The Fine Print:

1NT System Summary

- 1NT : 2♣* Stayman**
- : 2♦* Transfer 5+♥ (NOTE: 4♣* also shows Hearts)**
- : 2♥* Transfer, 5+♠**
- : 2♠* Transfer to Clubs**
- : 2NT* Transfer to Diamonds (OR Weak both minors)**
- : 3♣* - 5/4 Minors, Game Forcing**
- : 3♦* - Asks for a FIVE card Major, Game Forcing hand**
- : 3♥ - 6+♥ Slam try**
- : 3♠ - 6+♠ Slam try**
- : 3NT To play**
- : 4♣ South African Texas Transfer to Hearts (6+♥)**
- : 4♦ South African Texas Transfer to Spades (6+♠)**
- : 4♥ To play A hand with tenaces that wants lead coming up to it**
- : 4♠ To play**
- : 4NT Quantitative**
- : 5♣ To play RARE**
- : 5♦ To play**
- : 5NT Bid 6NT or 7NT (invite to 7)**

The Fine Print:

2NT System Summary

- 2NT : 3♣ * Stayman,***
- : 3♦ * Transfer 5+♥,***
- : 3♥ * Transfer, 5+♠,***
- : 3♠ * 5+♣/5+♦ Game Forcing.***

Opener picks the better minor or 3NT with great stoppers in the Majors

- : 3NT to play***
- : 4♣ - South-African Texas Transfer to Hearts***
- : 4♦ - South-African Texas Transfer to Spades***
- : 4♥ - South-African Texas Transfer to Clubs***
- : 4♠ - South-African Texas Transfer to Diamonds***
- : 4NT Quantitative***
- : 5♣ To play - RARE***
- : 5♦ To play***
- : 5NT Bid 6NT or 7NT (invite to 7)***

The Fine Print:

1NT 2C Stayman (Simple, the only responses are 2H, 2S, or 2D)

1NT 2C

2D* Now 2H or 2S are to play (Garbage Stayman)

3C/3D Natural, 5+ card suits, Game Forcing

3H/3S* Smolen: Shows 5 cards in the OTHER Major

1NT 2C

2H Then 3H and 2NT are Invitational. [2NT doesn't imply Spades if you use 2NT as Tfr to D]

3C/3D Natural, 5+ cards, NO FIT for Hearts, Game Forcing

3S* Artificial, Slam try in Hearts

4NT Quantitative. To ask for Keycards, bid 3S first, then 4NT

1NT 2C

2S Then 3S and 2NT are Invitational

3C/3D Natural, 5+ cards, NO FIT for Spades, Game Forcing

3H* Artificial, Slam try in Hearts

4NT Quantitative. To ask for Keycards, bid 3H first, then 4NT

The Fine Print:

1NT 2D Transfer to Hearts (I rarely Super Accept after our 1NT opening).

If you want to, then just using 3H as a superaccept is fine (most pre-emptive)

2H

Then 2NT or 3H are Invitational (3H shows 6 cards)

2S Suggests 6H/5S if you play Smolen, since with 5/4 you would Stayman

3C/3D Natural, 5+ cards, Game Forcing

Optionally, bidding 3H now confirms the MINOR <<advanced>>

3NT Choice of contracts

4NT is Quantitative if you play Texas. With slam interest, use 1NT : 4C (Hearts) then 4NT

Transferring to Spades is the same.

1NT 2H*

2S 3H suggests 5/5, since with 5/4 start with Stayman.

The Fine Print:

1NT 2S Transfer to Clubs, 6+

Opener bids

3C if they LIKE Clubs

Or 2NT if they don't (Over 2NT, Responder bids 3C with a weak hand, then PASS)

After the Transfer:

A New suit by Responder is a shortage (0-1 cards) and Game forcing

Opener chooses 3NT, or bids 4-of-the-minor

1NT 2NT Transfer to Diamonds, 6+ OR Weak with 5/5 minors

Opener bids

3D if they LIKE Diamonds

3C if they don't like Diamonds (Responder passes with 5/5 minors, or bids 3D weak, long Diamonds)

After the Transfer:

A New suit by Responder is a shortage (0-1 cards) and Game forcing

Opener chooses 3NT, or bids 4-of-the-minor

The Fine Print:

1NT 3C 5/4+ in the minors, Game+

Opener bids 3D to ask for the shortage.

Opener could bid 3NT with good Major stoppers.

Opener bids 4C/4D to set the trump suit.

Responder can pull 3NT to 4C or 4D with an extremely shapely hand

1NT 3D Asks for a Five Card Major

Responder uses 3♦ on hands where they are slightly nervous about 3NT, and they have one of both 3-card Majors.

It might be a balanced hand eg 5332 with a weak doubleton.

It is more likely to be a 5431 with both minors, but not that keen on playing 5-of-a-minor (eg singleton honour, or poor minor suit quality).

It might be a 6322 or 6331 with a long minor, but doesn't want to show the minor.

Opener bids 3H/3S with a five card suit

Or 3NT with no five card Major.

The End