



Using Stayman with a 5 card Major

2 ♣ Stayman is a conventional bid used by responder to 1NT opening bid.

It requires at least 8HCP and 1 or 2 4 card major . The responder may also have 5-4 in the Majors (or even 6-4)

Learn how to also use it when you simultaneously have :

- a 5 card Major
- une force de 7-8H
- an irregular distribution

If your hand meets these three criteria, Do not use Transfer bids. as you may not be able to propose a good game contract after the transfer rectification ... whereas if you use the Stayman..no Problem !

S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠			

Q	J	10	8	4	4	K	J	10	3	6	5	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E9882 : After the Stayman, propose game with the 2 ♠ rebid 2 ♠. the Opener will only accept if he is maximum ! If you had started with a transfer, You would have had to Pass after the rectification. It is not possible to bid 2NT with a singleton, 3 ♣ would be forcing to game and 3 ♠ would promiss 6 cards !



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This convention is universal for advanced players ; It does, however work better with Pi than with ♥. Please note that if the opener is minimum and not fitted N, the 2 sequences are equivalent and the bidding stops at 2 ♠ ! Using Stayman with a 5 card Major enables you to find good games when the opener is maximum.



S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass



Problem 9870 Here, the opener, being minimum and not fitted refuses the responder's proposal and passes . Using Transfer would have lead to the same final bid.



S	W	N	E
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass			



Problem E9883 Your camp will try for game and make it ! you'll be able to get 10 tricks !