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By doubling your partner's Stayman, the opener is requesting a ♣ lead ♣ : He has a nice 5 carder ♣. The NT contract is probably compromised and you must do everything possible so that the contract is played by the right hand (Lead by the overcall or protection of the ♣ honors). It makes the opener's rebid more difficult ! He will bid a major only with a ♣ stopper and if he can be the declarer

The various rebids are :

- Pass : No stopper and maybe a 4 card major
  - 2♥ or 2♠ : 4 cards in that major and a ♣ stopper (the opener can be the declarer)
  - XX : to play it !
  - cue-bid at 3 or 4 ♣ : 2 4 card majors and, respectively, minimum (15H) or maximum (16-17H)
  - 2♦ at least 5 cards in ♦ and no 4 card major (with or without a ♣ stopper).
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Problem E7766 With 4 cards in ♠ and a ♣ stopper, you just give the usual response to the Stayman.

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Problem E5291 No stopper in ♣ and no 4 card major and no long suit in ♦. For now, you must pass. Patience, Your partner will have a chance to bid.

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