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Response to 1NT with a 5 cards minor , 4 cards major and a G.F. hand .

Holding a 4 cards major , the priority is to look for a possible fit in the major.

Our first bid is therefore the ambiguous 2♣ .

If North rebid shows a fit in our 4 cards major, we would conclude at 4 in that major .

If instead North bids 2♦ or bids the major we do not have , we shall bid 3♣ = minor suits Stayman.

We have 4 different cases :

A)

W	N	E	S	South hand
-	1NT	p	2♣	♠ 5 2
p	2♥	p	4♥ .	♥ K J 10 5
				♦ A Q 9 5 3
				♣ 10 6

Here the bidding is intuitive , once found the fit South concludes at game. .

B)

W	N	E	S	South hand
-	1NT	p	2♣	♠ 5 2
p	2♦	p	3♣ = minor suits Stayman .	♥ K J 10 5
p	3♦ = I have a 5 cards minor		3♥ = minors 4-4 with 3 ♥ .	♦ A Q 9 5 3
			3♠ = minors 4-4 with 3 ♠ .	♣ 10 6
			3NT= unknown minor 4 carder and 3-3-3.	

Over 3♦ re-bid , showing a 5 carder minor, South can ask with 3♥ with step responses where 3♠ = 5♣ e 3NT = 5♦

Knowing in detail North hand , South is now in the position to decide the final contract. .

C)

W	N	E	S	South hand
-	1NT	p	2♣	♠ K J 10 5
p	2♥	p	3♣ = minor suits Stayman .	♥ 8
p	3♦ = 4♥ , 4♦ and 3-2		3♥ = 4♥ and 3-3-3	♦ A Q 9 5 3
			3♠ = 4♥ , 4♠ and minors 3-2	♣ 10 6 4
			3NT= 4♥ , 4♣ and 3-2	

North has shown 4 cards in ♥ and therefore can not have a 5 cards minor or else he would have 2 doubletons or 1 singleton. It has also to be noted that North has promised 4♥ but he **has not denied** 4♠ .

Minor suits Stayman can also be used, over a 2♥ response , to enquire whether opener holds also 4♠ . In this way the balanced hand will always remain declarer thus receiving the lead.

Once again South , knowing North shape, will be able to decide the final contract..

D)

W	N	E	S	South hand
-	1NT	p	2♣	♠ 8
p	2♠	p	3♣ = minor suits Stayman .	♥ K J 10 5
p	3♦ = 4♠ , 4♦ and 3-2			♦ A Q 9 5 3
	3♥ = 4♠ , 4♣ and 3-2			♣ 10 6 4
.	3♠ = 4♠ and 3-3-3			

North 2♠ re-bid, promises 4 cards in this suit and **denies** 4♥. Moreover having shown 4♠ he can not have a minor 5 carder, or else, he would have either 2 doubletons or 1 singleton.

Now South has an accurate description of North shape and can decide the final contract.