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## Stayman

(Partner opens 1NT 15-17)

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This Topic provides you with hands where partner opens 1NT and you have one or two four cards in a major suit. If you have an invitational or game forcing hand (at least 8 high card points), it makes sense to locate an eight card fit in a major suit. With such a fit available it is very likely that we make more tricks playing in hearts or spades than in NoTrump.

Partner	You	Partner	You	Partner
1NT	2♣ Stayman (at least 8 high card points and four card ♥ and/or four card ♠)	2♦ no four card major	2NT 8-9 high card points 3NT 10-15 high card points	
		2♥ four card ♥ (and maybe four card ♠)	2NT 8-9 high card points and no four card ♥ (so four card ♠) Pass min. NT-opening; no four card ♠ 3♠ min. NT-opening; four card ♠ 3NTmax. NT-opening; no four card ♠ 4♠ max. NT-opening; four card ♠	
		3♥ 8-9 high card points and four card ♥	3♥ 8-9 high card points and four card ♥ Pass min. NT-opening 4♥ max. NT-opening	
		3NT 10-15 high card points; no four card ♥ (so four card ♠)	3NT 10-15 high card points; no four card ♥ (so four card ♠) Pass no four card ♠ 4♠ four card ♠	
		4♥ 10-15 high card points and four card ♥	4♥ 10-15 high card points and four card ♥	
		2♠ four card ♠ (and no four card ♥)	2NT 8-9 high card points and no four card ♠ (so four card ♥) Pass min. NT-opening 3NT max. NT-opening	
			3♠ 8-9 high card points and four card ♠ 4♠ max. NT-opening; four card ♠ 3NT 10-15 high card points; no four card ♠ (so four card ♥) 4♠ 10-15 high card points and four card ♠	