


# 12. Transferring with five-five in the majors

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	♠ K1064 ♥ AJ ♦ AQ ♣ J9532		
♠ AJ2 ♥ 872 ♦ 8742 ♣ A108		♠ Q ♥ Q65 ♦ KJ1065 ♣ KQ76	
	♠ 98753 ♥ K10943 ♦ 93 ♣ 4		
W P All Pass	N 1NT 2♥	E P P	S 2♦ 2♠
--None Vulnerable--			

It is no coincidence that the columns so far have shown an importance in finding a major fit over a 1 NT opener. First of all, the 1 NT opening bid is such a good descriptive bid that it should be opened with all possible balanced hands.

Secondly, the bidding over 1 NT is geared to finding a major suit game using Stayman and major suit transfers. A minor suit fit is usually not pursued except for slam explorations.

### The bidding:

North opens 1 NT with 15 high card points and a balanced hand. This would not have been a balanced hand had the doubletons been weak. North wants the opening lead coming up to him, and this is unlikely if he opens a minor.

With four spades, North will not be declarer at a notrump contract unless he opens 1 NT.

If North opens one club, the opponents will likely play a contract in diamonds. South has nothing to say in this case. However, if North opens 1 NT, South transfers to hearts and then

bids two spades, which North could correct to hearts. North is happy to play two spades and passes.

When a player uses a transfer or Stayman and then bids a suit, he is showing five in that suit. Had South had a strong hand, he would have transferred to the higher ranking suit, spades, first.

**The opening lead:** King of clubs

**The play:**

Declarer ruffs the second round of clubs and plays a trump losing to the queen. Declarer ruffs the club return. Declarer plays the nine of spades to finesse the jack, but West jumps up with the ace and plays a diamond.

Declarer, knows West is probably not being cooperative but plays the queen of diamonds losing to the king. Declarer loses two spades, no hearts, one diamond and one club.

**The result:** Two spades making plus one for +140.