

Fifth Chair



Checkback Stayman

The use of 3 C bid is a delayed form of Stayman. Essentially, this asks opener to show a four card major, or three card support for responder's bid major.

Example:

Bidding proceeds 1C by partner opponents silent 1S by you

2 NT by partner 3C by you is checkback stayman.

your hand S AK932 H 86 D A104 C 743

Your 3 C bid is strictly artificial, and asks partner to show a four-card heart suit, or three card spade support. Having neither partner should rebid 3D.

Then if you simply rebid your suit, opener can pass, otherwise you would have either bid another suit, or 3NT.