

**Deal 1**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 5 2  
♥ 10 8  
♦ 10 9 7 2  
♣ K J 9 4

16  
4 12  
8

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A K J 9 8 3

♥ 7

♦ A K J 3

♣ 7 5

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q 7 4

♥ 9 6 5 2

♦ Q 5

♣ A 8 6 3

North

Dbl

2 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

2 ♣

4 ♠

EAST's 1

1<sup>TM</sup>

opening is passed around to NORTH. He is

tempted to overcall 1<sup>TM</sup>, but with 18 points is a little strong for a mere overcall.

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points SOUTH is not strong enough to jump. She bids 2<sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH now bids 2<sup>TM</sup>. By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

SOUTH raises to 4<sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7  
♥ A 9 7 6  
♦ A 6 2  
♣ K 9 6 3

11  
11 18  
0

West

2 ♣

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ K Q 6 5 4 2

♥ J 2

♦ K J 10 5

♣ J

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 3

♥ 10 5 4 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 10 7 4 2

North

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

2 ♦

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ A J 9

♥ K Q 8

♦ Q 7 4

♣ A Q 8 5

EAST has 18 points, a balanced hand, and a good stopper in their suit. He should overcall 1 NT.

For 1 NT overcalls, the range is increased to 15-18 points.

WEST bids 2<sup>â™™</sup>£ (Stayman), just as she would with a 1 NT opening. When EAST denies holding

a 4-card Major WEST has enough points to bid 3 NT. She doesn't worry about a <sup>â™™</sup> stopper

since EAST promised he had the suit controlled.

**Deal 3**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 9 4  
♥ 10 8 5 3  
♦ Q 3 2  
♣ 10 3 2

2  
5 13  
20

*West*

Pass

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ J 10 5 2

♥ 7 6 4 2

♦ 8 6

♣ J 8 6



♠ A 8 6

♥ K Q J

♦ A J 9 7

♣ K Q 4

*North*

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

*East*

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

*South*

Dbl

1 NT

SOUTH has 20 points, excellent

1<sup>TM</sup>

stoppers and a balanced hand.

She is two points too strong to overcall  
1 NT. Instead, she doubles.

NORTH has an awful hand - but since he  
is forced to bid he says 1<sup>TM</sup>, assuming  
SOUTH wants

to hear his best suit.

SOUTH now bids 1 NT, showing the  
balanced 19-21 point hand. NORTH  
passes, of course.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 4  
 ♥ A Q 10  
 ♦ K J 7 5  
 ♣ A K 6

0  
 19 10  
 11

West

Dbl

3 NT

3 NT by West

♠ 10 8

♥ 9 3 2

♦ 10 9 6 4 2

♣ 10 5 3

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ A 9 5 3

♥ K J 8 7 4

♦ 8

♣ Q J 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♠

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

WEST has a 19 point balanced hand,  
 including a stop in

♠

s.

He plans to double, then bid NT. (see  
 Deal 9)

EAST has 10 points though, so he jumps  
 to 2♠.

In theory WEST could now bid 2 NT to  
 continue the description of his hand, but  
 he might as well

go ahead and bid 3 NT instead.

**Deal 5**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7  
 ♥ K Q 9 3 2  
 ♦ A 9 8 4  
 ♣ Q 8

12  
 11 4  
 13

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 10 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 9 7 4

W N  
 S E

♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ K J 3 2

♣ J 2

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

♠ 8 6

♥ J 10 7

♦ 7 6 5

♣ K 10 6 5 3

South

3 ♠

Pass

With a 5-card ♠ suit and 13 points NORTH should overcall 1♠.

SOUTH has 13 points and four ♠s. If NORTH had opened, SOUTH's hand would be good enough

to insist on game. But since NORTH overcalled, SOUTH merely invites with a jump to 3♠.

NORTH has better than a minimum overcall so she accepts the invitation and bids 4♠.

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 10 7 5

♦ 6

♣ A K J 3

3  
13 11  
13

West

Dbl

Pass

4♥ by East

♠ 10 8 5 2

♥ 3

♦ J 9 8 7

♣ Q 8 7 6



♠ A 9 7

♥ A 2

♦ K Q 10 4 3

♣ 10 4 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

4♥

South

1♦

Pass

WEST has a very minimum Takeout  
Double of 1

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}!}_1$ 

. But what it lacks

in strength, it makes up for with perfect  
distribution.

EAST has 13 points and only wants to  
play in one contract, 4

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}Y}$ 

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WEST passes happily.