

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5
♥ A 4
♦ K 8 7 5 3
♣ J 7 6 3

♠ A T 9 4

♥ K Q J 7

♦ Q 6

♣ A Q 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 8 3 2
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ T 2
♣ 9 8 5

♠ J 7 6

♥ T 5 2

♦ A J 9 4

♣ K T 2

West	North	East	South
1♦	Dbl	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

so she bids 3NT.

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NORTH has 18 points, a doubleton in the opponent's suit, and at least three cards in the unbid suits.

This is an ideal hand for a Takeout Double.

SOUTH has good strength in WEST's

suit, probably two stoppers.

He has 9 points and no 4-card suit of his own. This is the type of hand to respond 1NT.

NORTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

s are covered,

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J T

♥ K T 7 6 3

♦ Q 9 8 5

♣ A K

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J T 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 5 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ T 3 2
♣ 6 5 4 2

♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

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NORTH has an opening hand, 14 points and five s.

But WEST beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1 .

SOUTH also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for but she has an

excellent stopper in

s.

She jumps to 2NT, inviting NORTH to bid game.

Since NORTH has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3NT.

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 5

♥ 8 6

♦ T 9 7 6 4 2

♣ 7 3 2

♠ A 9 3

♥ J T 5 3

♦ Q 5

♣ A K 8 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 6 4 2

♥ A 4 2

♦ J

♣ T 9 5

♠ 8 7

♥ K Q 9 7

♦ A K 8 3

♣ Q J 4

West	North	East	South
		1♠	Dbl
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

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SOUTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1 .

With 14 points of his own, NORTH knows his side needs to be in a game somewhere. He passes this information

to SOUTH with a cue-bid of 2 .

SOUTH gets the message and starts the hunt for a trump fit by bidding 3

. That

makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

Board 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 8
♥ T 4 3
♦ A 8 6
♣ J T 5 4 3

♠ K 7 5

♥ 8 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 9 7 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 3

♥ K Q J 9 6

♦ T 9 5 4

♣ K Q

♠ A Q J 6 4 2
♥ A 7
♦ J 7 2
♣ A 8

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Dbl
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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There is only one reason that SOUTH should not overcall with 1 He is too strong.

The maximum strength of an overcall is 16 points. Above that you should double.

So SOUTH doubles, and after NORTH bids 2 , SOUTH bids 2 This shows an overcall

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

NORTH has fine trump support and 8 points so she bids a confident 4 .

Board 5

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 7 5
 ♥ J T 9 5 2
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ 9 5 3

♠ Q J 2

♥ A K 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6 4

♥ Q 8

♦ A J T 8 3 2

♣ T 4

♠ K 9 8 3
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ A J 7 6

West	North	East	South
		1♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT by South

decides 3NT will be easier than 5 .

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 SOUTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

NORTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

SOUTH now cue-bids

to show opening hand strength.

NORTH shows his

suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

SOUTH shows her suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

NORTH shows his suit, SOUTH likes it fine, but

Board 6

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J T 7 4

♥ A 7 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ 9 5

♠ 8

♥ K J T 9 4

♦ T 9

♣ A 8 7 4 3



♠ 9 6

♥ Q 6 5

♦ J 7 5 4

♣ K T 6 2

♠ K Q 5 3 2

♥ 8 2

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ Q J

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

All Pass

1 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 18

WEST would have had a great opening 1 bid. But when SOUTH opened 1

in front of him he was hornswaggled. He couldn't bid any other suit, he couldn't bid 1NT

and he sure couldn't bid So he must pass.

And so does everybody else pass.