

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6  
 ♥ J 10 7  
 ♦ 7 6 5  
 ♣ K 10 6 5 3

13  
 4 11  
 12

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ K J 3 2

♣ J 2



♠ A Q 10 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 9 7 4

North

3 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

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

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

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

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

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7

♥ A 2

♦ K Q 10 4 3

♣ 10 4 2

13

13 3

11

*West*

1 ♦

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 10 7 5

♦ 6

♣ A K J 3



♠ Q 3

♥ K Q 9 8 6 4

♦ A 5 2

♣ 9 5

*North*

Dbl

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

4 ♥

NORTH has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

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. But what it lacks

in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

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

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NORTH passes happily.

**Deal 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q  
♥ A 9 4  
♦ K 10 8 3  
♣ J 6 5 3

18  
13 0  
9

West  
1 ♦  
Pass  
Pass  
3 NT by South

♠ A 10 9 4  
♥ K Q J 7  
♦ Q 6  
♣ A Q 4



♠ J 7 6  
♥ 10 5 2  
♦ A J 9 4  
♣ K 10 2

North  
Dbl  
3 NT

East  
Pass  
Pass

South  
1 NT  
Pass

♠ 8 5 3 2  
♥ 8 6 3  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 9 8 7

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

â<sup>TM</sup>!

suit, probably two stoppers.

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

NORTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

â<sup>TM</sup>!

s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A K 9 6 4  
♥ Q 5  
♦ K 7 4  
♣ J 10 7

♠ 5  
♥ K 10 8 4 3  
♦ Q 2  
♣ A K 6 5 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 10 7 3 2  
♥ 7 6  
♦ 10 9 8 5 3  
♣ 4

13  
12 1  
14

♠ Q 8  
♥ A J 9 2  
♦ A J 6  
♣ Q 9 8 3

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

♠ suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

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 ♠ s, but she has an

excellent stopper in

♠.

s.

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

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

**Deal 5**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 5 4 2  
♥ 8 2  
♦ 9 7 6 2  
♣ 7 5 3 2

14  
0 11  
15

*West*

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A 9 3  
♥ J 10 5 3  
♦ Q 5  
♣ A K 8 6



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

*North*

2 ♠  
4 ♥

*East*

1 ♠  
Pass  
Pass

*South*

Dbl  
3 ♥  
Pass

SOUTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1<sup>â™™</sup>.

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<sup>â™™</sup>.

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

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makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

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