

**Deal 1**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q	♦ A 10 9 4
♥ A 9 4	♦ K Q J 7
♦ K 10 8 3	♦ Q 6
♣ J 6 5 3	♣ A Q 4

18	♠ J 7 6
13	♥ 10 5 2
9	♦ A J 9 4
	♣ K 10 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	Dbl	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

N	♠ 8 5 3 2
W	♥ 8 6 3
S	♦ 7 5 2
E	♣ 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™!

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™!

s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 2**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

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

N  
W E  
S

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
3 NT by South			

â™ suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

NORTH has an opening hand, 14 points and five â™ s. But WEST beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1â™ .

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

excellent stopper in

â™ Y

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 3**East Deals  
None Vul

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

**14**  
o **11**  
**15**

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



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</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 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

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

$\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>Y

. That

makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

$\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>Y

**Deal 4**East Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
 4 12  
 16

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Dbl
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

♠ A Q J 6 4 2  
 ♥ A 7  
 ♦ J 7 2  
 ♣ A 8

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♦.