

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ 4 2
None Vul	♥ AJ 7
	♦ J 10 7 5
	♣ Q 10 9 3

♠ A 5 3	♠ Q 8 6
♥ 4 2	♥ Q 8 6 3
♦ A K 2	♦ 9 8 4 3
♣ J 7 6 4 2	♣ 8 5

8	♠ K J 10 9 7
12 4	♥ K 10 9 5
16	♦ Q 6
	♣ A K

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1 ♠ by South			

WEST has 13 points but she has to pass.

She cannot Double without support for

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She cannot bid 1 NT without 2 more points.

She cannot overcall 2â™£ with a terrible suit like that.

And EAST of course must also pass.

Deal 2

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South Deals ♥ 10 9 4 3

None Vul ♦ 10 9 6 4 3 2

♣ K 10 4

♠ K Q J 8 4 2

♥ Q 2

♦ Q 8 7

♣ 8 3



♠ A 9 7 6 5

♥ A 8 5

♦ A

♣ J 9 6 5

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

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Pass

Pass

1 ♠ by South

WEST obviously has to pass when SOUTH opens 1♦.

EAST has a reasonable Takeout Double. She hopes WEST will name a suit and they can just

play a partscore.

You should almost always bid when partner makes a Takeout Double. Almost always. This is the one time

when you don't. WEST's ♠ are so good that he passes, converting the Takeout Double into a

Penalty Double.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 4 3
 ♥ 10 6 3
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ Q 10 9 8

16
 2 11
 11

♠ Q J 5
 ♥ A K Q 2
 ♦ A 9 8 5
 ♣ 4 2

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

♠ A K 8 7 2
 ♥ J 9 8
 ♦ K 7 6
 ♣ 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♣	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

4♠ by South

SOUTH has a normal overcall of 1♦.

NORTH has a really good hand, but he doesn't have to worry about missing a slam since SOUTH will

not have more than 16 points. So he just bids what he thinks SOUTH can make, 4♦.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 7
 ♥ A 9 7 6
 ♦ A 4 2
 ♣ Q 3 2

14 11
 6 9



♠ K Q 3
 ♥ K Q J 5 3
 ♦ 9 6 5
 ♣ 10 6

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

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

NORTH has 12 points and a good enough suit to overcall 1

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SOUTH has 9 points with a good

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stopper. She bids 1 NT.

NORTH has nothing more to say, and lets SOUTH play 1 NT.