

**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

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| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

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

♠ Q 8 3 2  
♥ 9 8 6 3  
♦ T 2  
♣ 9 8 5

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

3 NT 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

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♠ 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

1 ♥

Pass

North

1 ♠

3NT

East

Pass

All Pass

South

2NT

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

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

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

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|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

|      |       |          |       |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| 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

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**Board 4**

East Deals

None Vul

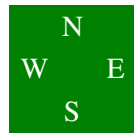
♠ T 8  
 ♥ T 4 3  
 ♦ A 8 6  
 ♣ J T 5 4 3

♠ K 7 5

♥ 8 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 9 7 6 2



♠ 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

**Baker Bidpractice/Set10 16**

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 6 4       |
| ♥ A K 4 3 |  | ♥ Q 8         |
| ♦ 7 4     |  | ♦ A J T 8 3 2 |
| ♣ K Q 8 2 |  | ♣ T 4         |

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|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ 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 .

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 17  
 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

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|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ 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.