

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 6  
♥ Q 8 6 3  
♦ 9 8 4 3  
♣ 8 5

♠ K J T 7 4 2

♥ A 9

♦ T 6

♣ A K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 5 3

♥ 4 2

♦ A K 2

♣ J 7 6 4 2

♠ 9

♥ K J T 7 5

♦ Q J 7 5

♣ T 9 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

All Pass

1 ♠ by North

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EAST has 13 points but she has to pass.

She cannot Double without support for

s.

She cannot bid 1NT without 2 more points.

She cannot overcall 2 with a terrible suit like that.

And WEST of course must also pass.

**Board 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ -  
♥ T 9 4 3  
♦ 6 4 3 2  
♣ K J T 9 4

♠ T 3  
♥ K J 7 6  
♦ K J 5  
♣ A Q 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 7 6 5  
♥ A 8 5  
♦ A T 9  
♣ 6 5

♠ K Q J 8 4 2  
♥ Q 2  
♦ Q 8 7  
♣ 8 3

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	Pass

1 ♠ X by East

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SOUTH obviously has to pass when EAST opens 1 ♠.

NORTH has a reasonable Takeout Double. She hopes SOUTH 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. SOUTH's ♠ are so good that he passes, converting the Takeout Double into a

Penalty Double.

**Board 3**

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 6  
♥ 7 4 3  
♦ J T 3  
♣ J T 9 8 3

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♠

1♣

All Pass

1♠

4♠ by North

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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 .

**Board 4**

North Deals

Both Vul

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

♠ A J 7 2

♥ T 9

♦ A Q 7 2

♣ 7 3 2



♠ K Q 3  
♥ K Q J 5 3  
♦ 9 6 5  
♣ T 6

♠ 9 8 4

♥ A 7 6 2

♦ 8 4

♣ K Q 9 5

West

North

East

South

1NT

1♦

1♥

Pass

All Pass

1NT by West

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

WEST has 9 points with a good

stopper. She bids 1NT.

EAST has nothing more to say, and lets WEST play 1NT.