

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 3
♥ A 9
♦ K 10 5 4
♣ A 9 7 5

20
13 5
2

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Dbl	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1 NT by North			

♠ A 8 6
♥ K Q J
♦ A J 9 7
♣ K Q 4

W N E
S

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ 8 6
♣ J 8 6

♠ K 9 4
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 10 3 2

NORTH has 20 points, excellent

1TM

stoppers and a balanced hand.

She is two points too strong to overcall 1 NT. Instead, she doubles.

SOUTH has an awful hand - but since he is forced to bid he says 1TM, assuming NORTH wants

to hear his best suit.

NORTH now bids 1 NT, showing the balanced 19-21 point hand. SOUTH passes, of course.

Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 6 2
♥ 6 5
♦ A Q 3
♣ 9 8 7 4

11
10 19
0

West

2 ♠

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ A 9 5 3
♥ K J 8 7 4
♦ 8
♣ Q J 2

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8
♥ 9 3 2
♦ 10 9 6 4 2
♣ 10 5 3

North

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

East

Dbl

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has a 19 point balanced hand, including a stop in

â™Ÿ

s.

He plans to double, then bid NT. (see Deal 9)

WEST has 10 points though, so he jumps to 2â™Ÿ.

In theory EAST could now bid 2 NT to continue the description of his hand, but he might as well

go ahead and bid 3 NT instead.

Deal 3

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 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 3

♥ K Q 9 8 6 4

♦ A 5 2

♣ 9 5

13
11 13
3

West

4 ♥

4 ♥ by West

♠ A 9 7

♥ A 2

♦ K Q 10 4 3

♣ 10 4 2



♠ 10 8 5 2

♥ 3

♦ J 9 8 7

♣ Q 8 7 6

North

1 ♦

Pass

East

Dbl

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has a very minimum Takeout
Double of 1

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}!}_1$

. But what it lacks

in strength, it makes up for with perfect
distribution.

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

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}¥}$

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EAST passes happily.