

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 5

13
2 11
14

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A J 10 7
♥ J 7
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ A 8 3



♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 2

♠ K 6 3 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 10 8
♣ K J 7 6

With 14 points, a 1/2 point shortage, and support for the other suits SOUTH makes a Takeout Double.

NORTH has 13 points so she bids 2NT. This is an artificial bid, apprising SOUTH of NORTH's opening

hand strength, and forcing the partnership to reach the game level.

SOUTH suggests

NT

s as trumps.

NORTH doesn't like

NT

s so she suggests NT s.

SOUTH agrees with NT s and bids game, 4NT.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ 9 6 5 2
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ A 8 6 3

4
 8 16
 12

West

Pass

2 ♣

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 10 5 2

♥ 10 8

♦ 10 9 7 2

♣ K J 9 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ 6

♥ A K Q J 4 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ Q 10 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

Dbl

2 ♠

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

SOUTH's 1

1TM

opening is passed around to EAST. He is

tempted to overcall 1TM, but with 18 points is a little strong for a mere overcall.

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points WEST is not strong enough to jump. She bids 2TM.

EAST now bids 2TM. By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

WEST raises to 4TM.

Deal 3

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 10 7 4 2

11
O 11
18

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 8 7
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 9 6 3



♠ A J 9
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q 7 4
♣ A Q 8 5

North

2 ♣
3 NT

♠ K Q 6 5 4 2
♥ J 2
♦ K J 10 5
♣ J

East

1 ♠
Pass
Pass

South

1 NT
2 ♦
Pass

SOUTH has 18 points, a balanced hand, and a good stopper in their suit. He should overcall 1 NT.

For 1 NT overcalls, the range is increased to 15-18 points.

NORTH bids 2[♣] (Stayman), just as she would with a 1 NT opening. When SOUTH denies holding

a 4-card Major NORTH has enough points to bid 3 NT. She doesn't worry about a [♠] stopper

since SOUTH promised he had the suit controlled.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 6

♥ K Q J

♦ A J 9 7

♣ K Q 4

5
20 2
13

West

Dbl

1 NT

1 NT by West

♠ K 9 4

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ Q 3 2

♣ 10 3 2



♠ Q 7 3

♥ A 9

♦ K 10 5 4

♣ A 9 7 5

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

WEST has 20 points, excellent

1TM

stoppers and a balanced hand.

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

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

to hear his best suit.

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

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 5 3
♥ K J 8 7 4
♦ 8
♣ Q J 2

19
11 0
10

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A Q 10
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A K 6



♠ K J 6 2
♥ 6 5
♦ A Q 3
♣ 9 8 7 4

North

Dbl

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

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

♠

s.

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

SOUTH has 10 points though, so he jumps to 2♠.

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

go ahead and bid 3 NT instead.