

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 5

♥ 4 3 2

♦ Q 9 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

$$\begin{matrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 14 \end{matrix}$$

♠ K J 8 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ 7 3

♣ K 6 5 2



♠ 9 2
♥ A K J 10 9 6
♦ K J 5
♣ Q J

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A 10 8 2

♣ A 10 7 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Dbl

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

This is almost the hand you held in Deal 4 - just 3 points stronger in ♦s. So you double, and again partner jumps to 2 ♠. What do you bid?

That extra 3 points makes all the difference. With that singleton ♥ your hand is now worth at least 16 points. Add partner's 9, T or 11 and you are at game level. Bid 4 ♠.

Deal 2
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♥ 10 8 6 5 2
♦ 10 2
♣ J 10 6 4 3

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W E
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♠ J 10 8 6
♥ K Q 4
♦ A 7
♣ A 9 8 5

West North East South

13
1 12
14

Pass 2 ♦
Pass 4 ♠
Pass

4 ♠ by South

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You'd really like to have 4-card support for both Majors when you double a Minor. But it's not a requirement. So you double and hear partner respond 2 ♦. East then chips in with 3 ♦. What now?

Don't let East's bid bother you, he's just trying to push the envelope. You have a good hand and partner's bid shows 12+ points and is forcing to game. Now you have to find the right game, and the best way to start is by showing a 4-card Major suit. You bid 3 ♠.

That was what partner needed to hear, he bids 4 ♠.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J
♥ 8 6 5
♦ K Q J 7 6
♣ 10 8 4 2

9	♠ 9 5
7	♥ K Q 10 3
13	♦ A 10 5 4
	♣ A 9 6

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



♠ A Q 8 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 9 8 3

♣ K 7 5

♠ K 10 7 4 3 2

♥ A J 9

♦ 2

♣ Q J 3

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

The minimum requirements for a Takeout Double are 12 points, no more than two of Opener's suit, and at least 3-cards in the other suits. You just squeak by so you double. Partner says 1 NT and it is your bid again.

With no suit fit you can't even count a point for your doubleton so you have just 13 HCP. Partner's bid shows 8-T so you waste no time in passing. Don't worry about the ♠s, partner says he has them covered.

Deal 4

West Deals	♠ 9 5 ♥ K Q 10 3 ♦ A J 10 5 ♣ A K 6		
None Vul			
♠ K J 10 7 4 2	♠ 3		
♥ A J 9	♥ 8 6 5		
♦ K 9 7	♦ 6 4 2		
♣ 3	♣ J 10 9 8 4 2		
	♠ A Q 8 6		
	♥ 7 4 2		
17 12 1 10	♦ Q 8 3		
	♣ Q 7 5		
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner is showing you 8-10 points and no 4-card ♥ suit.

With no Major fit you are happy to play in notrump, knowing partner can stop their suit. Partner's 8-10 points added to your 17 is a probable game so you bid 3 NT.