

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
 ♥ A K 9 4 3 2
 ♦ K Q 5 4
 ♣ J 8

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A T 8 2

♣ A T 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 7 5 2

♥ J T 6

♦ J 9 6

♣ Q 9 4

♠ K J 8 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ 7 3

♣ K 6 5 2

West

1 ♥

Pass

North

Dbl

4 ♠

East

Pass

All Pass

South

2 ♠

4 ♠ by North

Baker Takeout 5

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 ♠.

Board 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 4 3 2
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ J T 6 4 3

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ A J 7 3

♦ 9 6 3

♣ K 7



♠ A 7

♥ T 9 5

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ Q 2

♠ J T 8 6

♥ K Q 4

♦ A 7

♣ A 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	Dbl
Pass	2 ♦	3 ♦	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Baker Takeout 6

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 ♠.

Board 3

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K T 7 4 2
♥ A J 8
♦ J 7 6
♣ Q 3

♠ 9 5

♥ K Q T 3

♦ A T 5 4

♣ A 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 8 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 9 8 3

♣ K 7 5

♠ J 3

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K Q 2

♣ J T 8 4 2

West

1 ♠

All Pass

North

Dbl

East

Pass

South

1NT

1 NT by South

Baker Takeout 7

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 1NT 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.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 7 4 2
♥ A J 8 5
♦ K 7 2
♣ J

♠ 9 5

♥ K Q T 3

♦ A J T 5

♣ A K 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 8 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ Q 8 3

♣ Q 7 5

♠ T 3

♥ 9 6

♦ 9 6 4

♣ T 9 8 4 3 2

West

1 ♠

Pass

North

Dbl

3NT

East

Pass

All Pass

South

1NT

3 NT by North

Baker Takeout 8

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 3NT.