

**Deal 1**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 5 2  
 ♥ 10 8  
 ♦ 10 9 7 2  
 ♣ K J 9 4

**16**  
 4 **12**  
 8



♠ A K J 9 8 3  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ A K J 3  
 ♣ 7 5

♠ 6  
 ♥ A K Q J 4 3  
 ♦ 8 6 4  
 ♣ Q 10 2

♠ Q 7 4  
 ♥ 9 6 5 2  
 ♦ Q 5  
 ♣ A 8 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

EAST's 1

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opening is passed around to NORTH. He is

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

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points SOUTH is not strong enough to jump. She bids 2â™£.

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

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

SOUTH raises to 4â™.

**Deal 2**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 7  
 ♥ A 9 7 6  
 ♦ A 6 2  
 ♣ K 9 6 3

**11**  
**11 18**  
**o**

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	1 NT	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by East			

W	N	E	S
♠ A J 9	♥ K Q 8	♦ Q 7 4	♣ A Q 8 5
♥ 10 3	♦ 10 5 4 3	♦ 9 8 3	♣ 10 7 4 2
♦ 10 5 4 3	♦ 9 8 3	♣ 10 7 4 2	

EAST 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.

WEST bids  $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{e}$  (Stayman), just as she would with a 1 NT opening. When EAST denies holding

a 4-card Major WEST has enough points to bid 3 NT. She doesn't worry about a  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  stopper

since EAST promised he had the suit controlled.

**Deal 3**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 9 4  
 ♥ 10 8 5 3  
 ♦ Q 3 2  
 ♣ 10 3 2

**2**  
**5 13**  
**20**

♠ J 10 5 2  
 ♥ 7 6 4 2  
 ♦ 8 6  
 ♣ J 8 6

**N**  
W E  
**S**

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

♠ A 8 6  
 ♥ K Q J  
 ♦ A J 9 7  
 ♣ K Q 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 NT
1 NT by South			

SOUTH has 20 points, excellent

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stoppers and a balanced hand.

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

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

to hear his best suit.

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

**Deal 4**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 7 4  
♥ A Q 10  
♦ K J 7 5  
♣ A K 6

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19 10  
11

♠ 10 8  
♥ 9 3 2  
♦ 10 9 6 4 2  
♣ 10 5 3

♠ K J 6 2  
♥ 6 5  
♦ A Q 3  
♣ 9 8 7 4

♠ A 9 5 3  
♥ K J 8 7 4  
♦ 8  
♣ Q J 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Dbl	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

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

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s.

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

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

In theory WEST 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 5**

West Deals  
None Vul

**♠ 9 7**  
**♥ K Q 9 3 2**  
**♦ A 9 8 4**  
**♣ Q 8**

**12**  
**11 4**  
**13**

**♠ A Q 10 5 3**

**♥ 6 4**

**♦ Q 10**

**♣ A 9 7 4**

**W N E S**

**♠ 8 6**  
**♥ J 10 7**  
**♦ 7 6 5**  
**♣ K 10 6 5 3**

**♠ K J 4 2**  
**♥ A 8 5**  
**♦ K J 3 2**  
**♣ J 2**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

With a 5-card  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit and 13 points NORTH should overcall  $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

SOUTH has 13 points and four  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ s. If NORTH had opened, SOUTH's hand would be good enough

to insist on game. But since NORTH overcalled, SOUTH merely invites with a jump to  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

NORTH has better than a minimum overcall so she accepts the invitation and bids  $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

**Deal 6**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

$\spadesuit$ K J 6 4 $\heartsuit$ J 10 7 5 $\diamond$ 6 $\clubsuit$ A K J 3	 $\spadesuit$ Q 3 $\heartsuit$ K Q 9 8 6 4 $\diamond$ A 5 2 $\clubsuit$ 9 5		
$\spadesuit$ A 9 7 $\heartsuit$ A 2 $\diamond$ K Q 10 4 3 $\clubsuit$ 10 4 2			
<i>West</i> Dbl Pass 4 $\heartsuit$ by East	<i>North</i> Pass Pass 4 $\heartsuit$	<i>East</i> 1 $\diamond$	<i>South</i> Pass

WEST has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

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in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

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

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WEST passes happily.