

**Deal 1**      ♠ K J 10 9 7  
North Deals    ♥ K 10 9 5  
None Vul      ♦ Q 6  
                  ♣ A K

♠ Q 8 6  
♥ Q 8 6 3  
♦ 9 8 4 3  
♣ 8 5

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

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♠ 4 2  
♥ A J 7  
♦ J 10 7 5  
♣ Q 10 9 3

16  
4 12  
8

West      North      East      South  
1 ♠          Pass          Pass

Pass  
1 ♠ by North

EAST has 13 points but she has to pass.

She cannot Double without support for

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She cannot bid 1 NT without 2 more points.

She cannot overcall 2â™£ with a terrible suit like that.

And WEST of course must also pass.

**Deal 2**

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South Deals ♥ 10 9 4 3

None Vul ♦ 10 9 6 4 3 2

♣ K 10 4

♠ K Q J 8 4 2

♥ Q 2

♦ Q 8 7

♣ 8 3



♠ 10 3

♥ K J 7 6

♦ K J 5

♣ A Q 7 2

♠ A 9 7 6 5

♥ A 8 5

♦ A

♣ J 9 6 5

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

Dbl

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♠ by South

WEST obviously has to pass when SOUTH opens 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

EAST has a reasonable Takeout Double. She hopes WEST will name a suit and they can just

play a partscore.

You should almost always bid when partner makes a Takeout Double. Almost always. This is the one time

when you don't. WEST's  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> are so good that he passes, converting the Takeout Double into a

Penalty Double.

**Deal 3**

West Deals

None Vul

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

11  
11 2  
16

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

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

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

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

NORTH has a normal overcall of 1 $\hat{A}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

SOUTH has a really good hand, but he doesn't have to worry about missing a slam since NORTH will

not have more than 16 points. So he just bids what he thinks NORTH can make, 4 $\hat{A}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

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

14 11  
 6 9



♠ K Q 3  
 ♥ K Q J 5 3  
 ♦ 9 6 5  
 ♣ 10 6

♠ 10 6 5  
 ♥ 8 4  
 ♦ K J 10 3  
 ♣ A J 8 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	1♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1 NT by South			

NORTH has 12 points and a good enough suit to overcall 1

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SOUTH has 9 points with a good

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stopper. She bids 1 NT.

NORTH has nothing more to say, and lets SOUTH play 1 NT.