

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 3 2
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ T 2
♣ 9 8 5

♠ J 7 6

♥ T 5 2

♦ A J 9 4

♣ K T 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 5
♥ A 4
♦ K 8 7 5 3
♣ J 7 6 3

♠ A T 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

West	North	East	South
		1♦	Dbl
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

so she bids 3NT.

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SOUTH has 18 points, a doubleton in the opponent's suit, and at least three cards in the unbid suits.

This is an ideal hand for a Takeout Double.

NORTH has good strength in EAST's

suit, probably two stoppers.

He has 9 points and no 4-card suit of his own. This is the type of hand to respond 1NT.

SOUTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

s are covered,

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J T 7

♠ 7 5 3 2

♥ 8 4

♦ T 3 2

♣ 6 5 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ J T

♥ K T 7 6 3

♦ Q 9 8 5

♣ A K

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2NT	1♥
3NT	All Pass		Pass

3NT by West

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WEST has an opening hand, 14 points and five s.

But SOUTH beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1 .

EAST also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for but she has an

excellent stopper in

s.

She jumps to 2NT, inviting WEST to bid game.

Since WEST has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3NT.

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 5

♥ 8 6

♦ T 9 7 6 4 2

♣ 7 3 2

♠ A 9 3

♥ J T 5 3

♦ Q 5

♣ A K 8 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 6 4 2

♥ A 4 2

♦ J

♣ T 9 5

♠ 8 7

♥ K Q 9 7

♦ A K 8 3

♣ Q J 4

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

4♥ by North

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SOUTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1 .

With 14 points of his own, NORTH knows his side needs to be in a game somewhere. He passes this information

to SOUTH with a cue-bid of 2 .

SOUTH gets the message and starts the hunt for a trump fit by bidding 3

. That

makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J 6 4 2

♥ A 7

♦ J 7 2

♣ A 8

♠ T 8

♥ T 4 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ J T 5 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 7 5
♥ 8 5 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ 9 7 6 2

♠ 9 3

♥ K Q J 9 6

♦ T 9 5 4

♣ K Q

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Dbl	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

4 ♠ by East

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There is only one reason that WEST should not overcall with 1 He is too strong.

The maximum strength of an overcall is 16 points. Above that you should double.

So WEST doubles, and after EAST bids 2 WEST bids 2 This shows an overcall

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

EAST has fine trump support and 8 points so she bids a confident 4 .

Board 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 4

♥ Q 8

♦ A J T 8 3 2

♣ T 4

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K Q 5

♣ A J 7 6


 ♠ Q J 2
 ♥ A K 4 3
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ K Q 8 2

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3 NT by North

SOUTH shows his suit, NORTH likes it fine, but decides 3NT will be easier than 5 .

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NORTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

SOUTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

NORTH now cue-bids

to show opening hand strength.

SOUTH shows his

suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

NORTH shows her suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

Board 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ K J T 9 4
♦ T 9
♣ A 8 7 4 3

♠ 9 6

♥ Q 6 5

♦ J 7 5 4

♣ K T 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 5 3 2
♥ 8 2
♦ K Q 3 2
♣ Q J

♠ A J T 7 4
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 8 6
♣ 9 5

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

All Pass

1 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 18

SOUTH would have had a great opening 1 bid. But when EAST opened 1

in front of him he was hornswaggled. He couldn't bid any other suit, he couldn't bid 1NT

and he sure couldn't bid So he must pass.

And so does everybody else pass.