

**Deal 1**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2  
♥ 8 6 3  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 9 8 7

9  
0 13  
18

♠ J 7 6  
♥ 10 5 2  
♦ A J 9 4  
♣ K 10 2



♠ A 10 9 4  
♥ K Q J 7  
♦ Q 6  
♣ A Q 4

♠ K Q  
♥ A 9 4  
♦ K 10 8 3  
♣ J 6 5 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♦	Dbl
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

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

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

suit, probably two stoppers.

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

SOUTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 2**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 5  
♥ K 10 8 4 3  
♦ Q 2  
♣ A K 6 5 2

W N  
S E

♠ J 10 7 3 2  
♥ 7 6  
♦ 10 9 8 5 3  
♣ 4

13  
12 1  
14

♠ Q 8  
♥ A J 9 2  
♦ A J 6  
♣ Q 9 8 3

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

♠ suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

NORTH has an opening hand, 14 points and five ♠ s. But WEST beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1♠.

SOUTH also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for ♠ s, but she has an

excellent stopper in

♠.

s.

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

Since NORTH has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card

**Deal 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 6  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ J 10 4  
♣ 10 9

15  
11 0  
14

*West*

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

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



♠ A 9 3  
♥ J 10 5 3  
♦ Q 5  
♣ A K 8 6

*North*

Dbl

3 ♥

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 ♠

4 ♥

NORTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1<sup>♠</sup>.

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

to NORTH with a cue-bid of 2<sup>♠</sup>.

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

3<sup>♥</sup>

. That

makes it easy for SOUTH - he bids 4

4<sup>♥</sup>

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**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 3  
 ♥ 9 4  
 ♦ 10 9 6 4  
 ♣ K J 5 3

8  
 4 12  
 16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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



♠ A Q J 6 4 2  
 ♥ A 7  
 ♦ J 7 2  
 ♣ A 8

North

2 ♣

4 ♠

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

2 ♠

Pass

There is only one reason that SOUTH should not overcall with 1<sup>st</sup> <sup>TM</sup>. He is too strong.

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

So SOUTH doubles, and after NORTH bids 2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>TM</sup>£, SOUTH bids 2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>TM</sup>. This shows an overcall

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

NORTH has fine trump support and 8 points so she bids a confident 4<sup>th</sup> <sup>TM</sup>.