

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

4 ♠ by South

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

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ J T 8 6
 ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ A 9 8 5

♠ 4 3 2
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ J T 6 4 3

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

4 ♠ by West

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♦. North then chips in with 3♦. What now?

Don't let North'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



♠ J 3

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K Q 2

♣ J T 8 4 2

♠ A Q 8 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 9 8 3

♣ K 7 5

West

1 ♠

North

Dbl

East

Pass

South

1NT

All Pass

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

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q 8 6
♥ 7 4 2
♦ Q 8 3
♣ Q 7 5

♠ K J 7 4 2

♥ A J 8 5

♦ K 7 2

♣ J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 5
♥ K Q T 3
♦ A J T 5
♣ A K 6

♠ T 3
♥ 9 6
♦ 9 6 4
♣ T 9 8 4 3 2

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

3NT by East

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.