

Deal 1
 East Deals
 None Vul

	♠ 7 6 4 2		
	♥ 7 6 3		
	♦ 8 6 4		
	♣ J 9 8		
♠ A		♠ K Q J 10 9 8	
♥ Q 10 9	N	♥ K 8 5	
♦ A 10 9 7 3	W E	♦ 5 2	
♣ Q 10 5 3	S	♣ A 6	
1	♠ 5 3		
12 13	♥ A J 4 2		
14	♦ K Q J		
	♣ K 7 4 2		
West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♣ by North			

SOUTH has 14 points, a doubleton in the opponent's ♠ suit and at least three cards in

each of the other suits. This is a normal Takeout Double.

NORTH has a really awful hand. He has just one point and his only 4-card suit is the one the

opponents have already bid. He wants nothing more than to pass.

But he cannot pass. Partner's Double said "Bid your best suit.", so he bids 2♦.

Mercifully SOUTH also passes.

Deal 2

South Deals	♠ 4
None Vul	♥ 9 6 3 2
	♦ 7 6 4 2
	♣ Q 10 9 5
♠ Q 9 8 5	♠ A J 10 7
♥ K Q 10 5	♥ J 7
♦ A K 3	♦ Q J 9 5
♣ 4 2	♣ A 8 3

♠ K 6 3 2
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ K J 7 6

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

With 14 points, a shortage, and support for the other suits WEST makes a Takeout Double.

EAST has 13 points so she bids 2aTM. This is an artificial bid, apprising WEST of EAST's opening

hand strength, and forcing the partnership to reach the game level.

WEST suggests

aTM

s as trumps.

EAST doesn't like

aTM

s so she suggests aTM s.

WEST agrees with aTM s and bids game, 4aTM.

Deal 3
 West Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit 6 \heartsuit A K Q J 4 3 \diamond 8 6 4 \clubsuit Q 10 2	 \spadesuit Q 7 4 \heartsuit 9 6 5 2 \diamond Q 5 \clubsuit A 8 6 3
\spadesuit 8 \heartsuit 7 \diamond A K J 3 \clubsuit 7 5	\spadesuit 10 5 2 \heartsuit 10 8 \diamond 10 9 7 2 \clubsuit K J 9 4

<i>West</i> 1 \heartsuit Pass Pass Pass 4 \clubsuit by South	<i>North</i> Pass 2 \clubsuit 4 \clubsuit	<i>East</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>South</i> Dbl 2 \clubsuit Pass
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WEST's 1

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{Y}$

opening is passed around to SOUTH. He is

tempted to overcall $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$, but with 18 points is a little strong for a mere overcall.

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points NORTH is not strong enough to jump. She bids $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{E}$.

SOUTH now bids $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$. By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

NORTH raises to $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 9
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q 7 4
♣ A Q 8 5

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18 **11**
11

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			

♠ 10 3
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 10 7 4 2

	<p>♠ 8 7 ♥ A 9 7 6 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ K 9 6 3</p>
<p>♠ K Q 6 5 4 2 ♥ J 2 ♦ K J 10 5 ♣ J</p>	

WEST 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.

EAST bids 2^{â™£} (Stayman), just as she would with a 1 NT opening. When WEST denies holding

a 4-card Major EAST has enough points to bid 3 NT. She doesn't worry about a ^{â™} stopper

since WEST promised he had the suit controlled.