

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7

1
13 14
12

West

1 ♠

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

N
W E
S

♠ 5

♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 NT

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

WEST has an opening hand, 14 points and five \hat{a}^{TM} s. But SOUTH beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1 \hat{a}^{TM} .

EAST also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for \hat{a}^{TM} s, but she has an

excellent stopper in

\hat{a}^{TM} Y

s.

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

Since WEST has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card \hat{a}^{TM}

suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

14
11
15

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6



♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

North

2 ♠
4 ♥

East

1 ♠
Pass
Pass

South

Dbl
3 ♥
Pass

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

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 2TM.

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

1TM

. That

makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

1TM

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Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 3

♥ 9 4

♦ 10 9 6 4

♣ K J 5 3

♠ A Q J 6 4 2

♥ A 7

♦ J 7 2

♣ A 8



♠ K 7 5

♥ 8 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 9 7 6 2

♠ 9

♥ K Q J 10 6 3

♦ A 8 5

♣ Q 10 4

4
16 8
12

*West**North**East**South*

Dbl

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by West

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♣

4 ♠

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

There is only one reason that WEST should not overcall with 1st . 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 2nd£, WEST bids 2nd . 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 4th .