

**Deal 1**      ♠ K J 10 9 7  
North Deals    ♥ K 10 9 5  
None Vul      ♦ Q 6  
                  ♣ A K

♠ Q 8 6  
♥ Q 8 6 3  
♦ 9 8 4 3  
♣ 8 5

♠ A 5 3  
♥ 4 2  
♦ A K 2  
♣ J 7 6 4 2

N  
W   E  
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♠ 4 2  
♥ A J 7  
♦ J 10 7 5  
♣ Q 10 9 3

16  
4 12  
8

West      North      East      South  
1 ♠          Pass          Pass

Pass  
1 ♠ by North

EAST has 13 points but she has to pass.

She cannot Double without support for

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She cannot bid 1 NT without 2 more points.

She cannot overcall 2â™£ with a terrible suit like that.

And WEST of course must also pass.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

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♥ 10 9 4 3

♦ 10 9 6 4 3 2

♣ K 10 4

**14**  
3 13  
**10**

♠ 10 3

♥ K J 7 6

♦ K J 5

♣ A Q 7 2



♠ A 9 7 6 5

♥ A 8 5

♦ A

♣ J 9 6 5

♠ K Q J 8 4 2

♥ Q 2

♦ Q 8 7

♣ 8 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

Dbl

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

1 ♠ by East

SOUTH obviously has to pass when EAST opens 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

NORTH has a reasonable Takeout Double. She hopes SOUTH will name a suit and they can just

play a partscore.

You should almost always bid when partner makes a Takeout Double. Almost always. This is the one time

when you don't. SOUTH's  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> are so good that he passes, converting the Takeout Double into a

Penalty Double.

**Deal 3**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 4 3  
 ♥ 10 6 3  
 ♦ 3 2  
 ♣ Q 10 9 8

**16**  
 2 11  
 11

♠ Q J 5  
 ♥ A K Q 2  
 ♦ A 9 8 5  
 ♣ 4 2

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♠ 10  
 ♥ 7 5 4  
 ♦ Q J 10 4  
 ♣ A K J 7 3

♠ A K 8 7 2  
 ♥ J 9 8  
 ♦ K 7 6  
 ♣ 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♣	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

4♠ by South

SOUTH has a normal overcall of 1♦.

NORTH has a really good hand, but he doesn't have to worry about missing a slam since SOUTH will

not have more than 16 points. So he just bids what he thinks SOUTH can make, 4♦.

**Deal 4**

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



14	♠ J 8 4 2
9 11	♥ 10 2
6	♦ Q 8 7
	♣ K 9 7 5

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	1 ♥	Pass
1 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 NT by West			

EAST has 12 points and a good enough suit to overcall 1

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WEST has 9 points with a good

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stopper. She bids 1 NT.

EAST has nothing more to say, and lets WEST play 1 NT.