

**Deal 1**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

♠ K 6 3 2  
 ♥ A 8 4  
 ♦ 10 8  
 ♣ K J 7 6

14  
11 2  
13

	N	
W		E
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♠ Q 9 8 5  
 ♥ K Q 10 5  
 ♦ A K 3  
 ♣ 4 2

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

♠ A J 10 7  
 ♥ J 7  
 ♦ Q J 9 5  
 ♣ A 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♣	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4♣ by South			

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

SOUTH has 13 points so she bids 2♦. This is an artificial bid, apprising NORTH of SOUTH's opening

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

NORTH suggests

2♦

s as trumps.

SOUTH doesn't like

2♦

s so she suggests 2♦ s.

NORTH agrees with 2♦ s and bids game, 4♦.

**Deal 2**

West Deals	♠ Q 7 4
None Vul	♥ 9 6 5 2
	♦ Q 5
	♣ A 8 6 3

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

8	♠ A K J 9 8 3
12 4	♥ 7
16	♦ A K J 3

♣ 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♣ by South			



WEST's 1

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opening is passed around to SOUTH. He is

tempted to overcall 1â™, 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 2â™£.

SOUTH now bids 2â™. By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

NORTH raises to 4â™.

**Deal 3**East Deals  
None Vul

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

11  
 o 11  
 18

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AJ 9  
 ♥ K Q 8  
 ♦ Q 7 4  
 ♣ A Q 8 5

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

SOUTH 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.

NORTH bids 2♦ (Stayman), just as she would with a 1 NT opening. When SOUTH denies holding

a 4-card Major NORTH has enough points to bid 3 NT. She doesn't worry about a ♠ stopper

since SOUTH promised he had the suit controlled.

**Deal 4**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 9 4  
 ♥ 10 8 5 3  
 ♦ Q 3 2  
 ♣ 10 3 2

**2**  
**5 13**  
**20**

	N	
W		E
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♠ J 10 5 2  
 ♥ 7 6 4 2  
 ♦ 8 6  
 ♣ J 8 6

♠ Q 7 3  
 ♥ A 9  
 ♦ K 10 5 4  
 ♣ A 9 7 5

♠ A 8 6  
 ♥ K Q J  
 ♦ A J 9 7  
 ♣ K Q 4

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

SOUTH has 20 points, excellent

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stoppers and a balanced hand.

She is two points too strong to overcall 1 NT. Instead, she doubles.

NORTH has an awful hand - but since he is forced to bid he says 1â™, assuming SOUTH wants

to hear his best suit.

SOUTH now bids 1 NT, showing the balanced 19-21 point hand. NORTH passes, of course.

**Deal 5**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

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

10  
 o 11  
 19

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J 6 2  
 ♥ 6 5  
 ♦ A Q 3  
 ♣ 9 8 7 4

♠ A 9 5 3  
 ♥ K J 8 7 4  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ Q J 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Dbl
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

SOUTH has a 19 point balanced hand, including a stop in

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s.

He plans to double, then bid NT. (see Deal 9)

NORTH has 10 points though, so he jumps to 2â™.

In theory SOUTH could now bid 2 NT to continue the description of his hand, but he might as well

go ahead and bid 3 NT instead.