

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 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
12 4
16

♠ Q 7 4
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A 8 6 3

♠ A K J 9 8 3
♥ 7
♦ A K J 3
♣ 7 5

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

NORTH raises to 4TM.

WEST's 1

1TM

opening is passed around to SOUTH. He is

tempted to overcall 1TM, 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 2TM.

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

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 10 7 4 2

11
O 11
18

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 8 7
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 9 6 3



♠ A J 9
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q 7 4
♣ A Q 8 5

North

2 ♣
3 NT

♠ K Q 6 5 4 2
♥ J 2
♦ K J 10 5
♣ J

East

1 ♠
Pass
Pass

South

1 NT
2 ♦
Pass

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 3

East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 4
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 10 3 2

2
5 13
20

West

Pass

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ J 10 5 2

♥ 7 6 4 2

♦ 8 6

♣ J 8 6



♠ A 8 6

♥ K Q J

♦ A J 9 7

♣ K Q 4

North

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

1 NT

SOUTH has 20 points, excellent

1TM

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 1TM, 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 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8
♥ 9 3 2
♦ 10 9 6 4 2
♣ 10 5 3

10
0 11
19

♠ K J 6 2
♥ 6 5
♦ A Q 3
♣ 9 8 7 4



♠ Q 7 4
♥ A Q 10
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A K 6

♠ A 9 5 3
♥ K J 8 7 4
♦ 8
♣ Q J 2

West	North	East	South
		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™Œ .

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.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6
♥ J 10 7
♦ 7 6 5
♣ K 10 6 5 3

13
4 11
12

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ K J 3 2

♣ J 2



♠ A Q 10 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 9 7 4

North

3 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

With a 5-card ♠ suit and 13 points SOUTH should overcall 1♠.

NORTH has 13 points and four ♠s. If SOUTH had opened, NORTH's hand would be good enough

to insist on game. But since SOUTH overcalled, NORTH merely invites with a jump to 3♠.

SOUTH has better than a minimum overcall so she accepts the invitation and bids 4♠.

Deal 6

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7

♥ A 2

♦ K Q 10 4 3

♣ 10 4 2

13

13 3

11

West

1 ♦

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 10 7 5

♦ 6

♣ A K J 3



♠ Q 3

♥ K Q 9 8 6 4

♦ A 5 2

♣ 9 5

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

NORTH has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

 \hat{a}^{TM}_1

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in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

SOUTH has 13 points and only wants to play in one contract, 4

 \hat{a}^{TM}_Y

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NORTH passes happily.