

**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  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s. But SOUTH beat him to the punch,

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

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

excellent stopper in

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

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  
o 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 1<sup>TM</sup>.

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 2<sup>TM</sup>.

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

â<sup>TM</sup>¥

. That

makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

â<sup>TM</sup>¥

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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 1<sup>st</sup> . 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 2<sup>nd</sup>£, WEST bids 2<sup>nd</sup> . 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 4<sup>th</sup> .

**Deal 5**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 10  
♥ Q J 8 2  
♦ A J 8 3  
♣ 5 4 3

13  
12 0  
15

West  
1 ♦  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
3 NT by North

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



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

North

Pass  
2 ♦  
2 ♠  
3 NT

East

Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

South

Dbl  
2 ♥  
3 ♣  
Pass

NORTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

♠<sup>TM</sup> |

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SOUTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

NORTH now cue-bids

♠<sup>TM</sup> |

to show opening hand strength.

SOUTH shows his

♠<sup>TM</sup> ♣

suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

NORTH shows her ♠<sup>TM</sup> suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

SOUTH shows his ♠<sup>TM</sup> ♣ suit, NORTH likes it fine, but decides 3 NT will be easier than 5♠<sup>TM</sup> ♣.

**Deal 6**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8  
♥ K 10 8 4  
♦ Q 10 9 3  
♣ A J 8 3

6  
10 11  
13

West

Pass  
1 ♠ by East

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



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

North

Pass

East

1 ♠

South

Pass

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

SOUTH would have had a great opening  
1<sup>â™™</sup> bid. But when EAST opened 1<sup>â™™</sup>

in front of him he was hornswaggled. He  
couldn't bid any other suit, he couldn't  
bid 1 NT

and he sure couldn't bid <sup>â™™</sup>s. So he must  
pass.

And so does everybody else pass.