

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7
 ♥ T 9 5
 ♦ K Q J T 8 4
 ♣ Q 2

♠ J T 8 6

♥ K Q 4

♦ A 7

♣ A 9 8 5



♠ 4 3 2

♥ 8 6 2

♦ 5 2

♣ J T 6 4 3

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ A J 7 3

♦ 9 6 3

♣ K 7

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Dbl	Pass	2 ♦
3 ♦	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Takeout 6

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You'd really like to have 4-card support for both Majors when you double a Minor. But it's not a requirement. So you double and hear partner respond 2 ♦. West then chips in with 3 ♦. What now?

Don't let West's bid bother you, he's just trying to push the envelope. You have a good hand and partner's bid shows 12+ points and is forcing to game. Now you have to find the right game, and the best way to start is by showing a 4-card Major suit. You bid 3 ♠.

That was what partner needed to hear, he bids 4 ♠.

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K T 7 4 2
♥ A J 8
♦ J 7 6
♣ Q 3

♠ 9 5

♥ K Q T 3

♦ A T 5 4

♣ A 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 8 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 9 8 3

♣ K 7 5

♠ J 3

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K Q 2

♣ J T 8 4 2

West

1 ♠

All Pass

North

Dbl

East

Pass

South

1NT

1 NT by South

Baker Takeout 7

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

The minimum requirements for a Takeout Double are 12 points, no more than two of Opener's suit, and at least 3-cards in the other suits. You just squeak by so you double. Partner says 1NT and it is your bid again.

With no suit fit you can't even count a point for your doubleton so you have just 13 HCP. Partner's bid shows 8-T so you waste no time in passing. Don't worry about the ♠s, partner says he has them covered.

Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 3
♥ 9 6
♦ 9 6 4
♣ T 9 8 4 3 2

♠ A Q 8 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ Q 8 3

♣ Q 7 5



♠ 9 5

♥ K Q T 3

♦ A J T 5

♣ A K 6

♠ K J 7 4 2

♥ A J 8 5

♦ K 7 2

♣ J

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

1NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by South

Baker Takeout 8

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner is showing you 8-10 points and no 4-card ♥ suit.

With no Major fit you are happy to play in notrump, knowing partner can stop their suit. Partner's 8-10 points added to your 17 is a probable game so you bid 3NT.

Board 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 5
 ♥ J 8
 ♦ Q 8 3 2
 ♣ J T 7 3 2

♠ 7 6 4 3

♥ 9 6 2

♦ 9 4

♣ A K 8 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q J 9 2

♥ 5 4

♦ K J T 6

♣ Q 5

♠ K 8

♥ A K Q T 7 3

♦ A 7 5

♣ 9 4

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker Takeout 9

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have 16 HCP and two more points for the fifth and sixth ♥s. That is too strong for a simple overcall. Instead you double. Partner responds 2 ♣. What do you bid?

You bid 2 ♥, describing your hand as a 1-suited hand, too strong to merely overcall. Partner bids the ♥ game and you pass.

Board 5
West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 2
♥ A T 9 8
♦ 9 6 4
♣ K 8 3

♠ 7 4
♥ J 5
♦ K 8 7 3 2
♣ Q 7 6 2



♠ J T 9 6 3
♥ 6 4 2
♦ Q
♣ A J T 5

♠ A 8 5
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ A J T 5
♣ 9 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	2 ♦	All Pass	

2 ♦ by North

Baker Takeout 10

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You should double. This is a special case of the Takeout Double, where the opponents have already bid two suits before it gets to you. Since they apparently have at least 20 points, you should have a solid hand with at least 4-4 in the two unbid suits. A hand just like this one.

Partner bids 2 ♦. What do you say next?

Just pass. This is obviously a fight for the partscore and you have the advantage because you have found a fit. However, you suspect partner is quite weak.