

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q 8 6 3
♦ 9 8 4 3
♣ 8 5

♠ K J T 7 4 2

♥ A 9

♦ T 6

♣ A K Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 5 3

♥ 4 2

♦ A K 2

♣ J 7 6 4 2

♠ 9

♥ K J T 7 5

♦ Q J 7 5

♣ T 9 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

All Pass

1 ♠ by North

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EAST has 13 points but she has to pass.

She cannot Double without support for

s.

She cannot bid 1NT without 2 more points.

She cannot overcall 2 with a terrible suit like that.

And WEST of course must also pass.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 8 4 2

♥ Q 2

♦ Q 8 7

♣ 8 3

♠ -

♥ T 9 4 3

♦ 6 4 3 2

♣ K J T 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 7 6 5

♥ A 8 5

♦ A T 9

♣ 6 5

♠ T 3

♥ K J 7 6

♦ K J 5

♣ A Q 7 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Dbl

1 ♠

All Pass

1 ♠ X by South

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WEST obviously has to pass when SOUTH opens 1 ♠.

EAST has a reasonable Takeout Double. She hopes WEST 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. WEST's ♠ are so good that he passes, converting the Takeout Double into a

Penalty Double.

Board 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4 3
♥ T 6 5
♦ Q 4 2
♣ A K Q 7

♠ A K 8 7 2

♥ J 9 8

♦ K 7 6

♣ 6 5



♠ T 6

♥ 7 4 3

♦ J T 3

♣ J T 9 8 3

♠ Q J 5

♥ A K Q 2

♦ A 9 8 5

♣ 4 2

West

1 ♣

All Pass

North

1 ♠

East

Pass

South

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

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NORTH has a normal overcall of 1 .

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

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

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 7 2
♥ T 9
♦ A Q 7 2
♣ 7 3 2

♠ K Q 3
♥ K Q J 5 3
♦ 9 6 5
♣ T 6



♠ 9 8 4
♥ A 7 6 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K Q 9 5

♠ T 6 5
♥ 8 4
♦ K J T 3
♣ A J 8 4

West

1 ♦

All Pass

North

1 ♥

East

Pass

South

1NT

1 NT by South

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

SOUTH has 9 points with a good

stopper. She bids 1NT.

NORTH has nothing more to say, and lets SOUTH play 1NT.