

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

	N	
	W	E
	S	

♠ 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	

♠ J 3

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K Q 2

♣ J T 8 4 2

♠ A Q 8 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 9 8 3

♣ K 7 5

West

1♠

North

Dbl

East

Pass

South

1NT

All Pass

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J 7 4 2

♥ A J 8 5

♦ K 7 2

♣ J

 ♠ 9 5
 ♥ K Q T 3
 ♦ A J T 5
 ♣ A K 6

West

North

East

South

1♠

Dbl

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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.