

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 7 3 2

♥ Q 7

♦ K 6 3

♣ A J 9

♠ K 5

♥ J T 5 3

♦ 9 7 4 2

♣ 8 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A Q J T 5

♣ K 4 2

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ A K 9 8

♦ 8

♣ Q T 6 5

West	North	East	South
		1♦	Dbl
Pass	1♥	All Pass	

1♥ by North

Baker Takeout 1

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

You have a perfect hand for a Takeout Double.

Singleton in their suit, 4-card support for the other three suits and 13 HCP. You Double. Partner responds 1♥. What do you say next?

Yes, you like the ♥s. But remember, you forced partner to bid and his response showed 8 or fewer points. You are not strong enough to consider a game so you pass.

Board 2

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K Q T 4
♥ A K 9 8
♦ 8
♣ A J 6 5

♠ J 6 5 2

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ Q T 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 8 3
♥ Q J
♦ 7 6 5 2
♣ 8 4 3

♠ 7

♥ T 7 5 3

♦ A K Q T 9 4

♣ K 9

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

4 ♠ by East

Baker Takeout 2

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

Naturally you make a Takeout Double. Partner responds 1♠. What is your next call?

With 17 HCP and the singleton you are not strong enough to insist on game. On the other hand if partner is at the top of his 0-8 point range then game is likely. A raise to 2♠ invites partner to bid game with a maximum. Partner accepts the invitation.

Board 3

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 8 3

♥ A 7 2

♦ A 2

♣ K 8 7 5 2

♠ A Q 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ Q J T 7

♣ A 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 7 5

♥ 9 4

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ Q J T

♠ K 6 2

♥ T 8 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 6 4

West	North	East	South
1♣	Dbl	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

3♥ by North

Baker Takeout 3

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

With 19 HCP and a doubleton you certainly double. What do you bid after partner replies 1♥?

You need to make a strong invitation since partner needs very little for your side to have a game. So you bid 3♥. Partner has almost nothing so he passes. Good thing.

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 8 3
♥ Q 7 5
♦ 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

♠ 5

♥ A K J 6 4 2
♦ K Q 9 6 5

♣ Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 8
♦ J T 8 2
♣ A T 7 3

♠ T 9 7 2
♥ T 9 3
♦ A 4
♣ J 9 8 4

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

2 ♠ by West

Baker Takeout 4

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

This is certainly not a great hand, but at least the shape is good. You should strive to get into the bidding whenever possible, and with this hand the only way in is to double. Partner jumps to 2♠ and it is your bid again.

Partner shows 9-11 points and a ♠ suit. However, he didn't force you to game, and you barely scraped up the double to begin with. So you pass.

Board 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 5 2

♥ J T 6

♦ J 9 6

♣ Q 9 4

♠ K J 8 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ 7 3

♣ K 6 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9

♥ A K 9 4 3 2

♦ K Q 5 4

♣ J 8

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A T 8 2

♣ A T 7 3

West North East South

1♥

Dbl

Pass 2♠

Pass

4♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

Baker Takeout 5

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

This is almost the hand you held in Deal 4 - just 3 points stronger in ♦s. So you double, and again partner jumps to 2♠. What do you bid?

That extra 3 points makes all the difference. With that singleton ♥ your hand is now worth at least 16 points. Add partner's 9, T or 11 and you are at game level. Bid 4♠.

Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 9 5
 ♥ A J 7 3
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♣ K 7

♠ A 7
 ♥ T 9 5
 ♦ K Q J T 8 4
 ♣ Q 2

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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

4 ♠ by West

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♦. North then chips in with 3♦. What now?

Don't let North'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 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 8 7 3 2
♥ Q 7
♦ K 6 3
♣ A J 9

♠ K 5

♥ J T 5 3

♦ 9 7 4 2

♣ 8 7 3



♠ Q T

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A Q J T 5

♣ K 4 2

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ A K 9 8

♦ 8

♣ Q T 6 5

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q T 4
♥ A K 9 8
♦ 8
♣ A J 6 5

♠ J 6 5 2

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ Q T 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 8 3
♥ Q J
♦ 7 6 5 2
♣ 8 4 3

♠ 7
♥ T 7 5 3
♦ A K Q T 9 4
♣ K 9

Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ Q J T 7

♣ A 3

♠ J 8 3

♥ A 7 2

♦ A 2

♣ K 8 7 5 2



♠ T 9 7 5

♥ 9 4

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ Q J T

♠ K 6 2

♥ T 8 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 6 4

Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 8 3
♥ Q 7 5
♦ 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

♠ 5

♥ A K J 6 4 2

♦ K Q 9 6 5

♣ Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 8
♦ J T 8 2
♣ A T 7 3

♠ T 9 7 2
♥ T 9 3
♦ A 4
♣ J 9 8 4

Board 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 5 2

♥ J T 6

♦ J 9 6

♣ Q 9 4

♠ K J 8 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ 7 3

♣ K 6 5 2



♠ 9

♥ A K 9 4 3 2

♦ K Q 5 4

♣ J 8

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A T 8 2

♣ A T 7 3

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 9 5
♥ A J 7 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ K 7

♠ A 7

♥ T 9 5

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ Q 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

Board 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 8 7 3 2
♥ Q 7
♦ K 6 3
♣ A J 9

♠ K 5

♥ J T 5 3

♦ 9 7 4 2

♣ 8 7 3



♠ Q T

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A Q J T 5

♣ K 4 2

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ A K 9 8
♦ 8
♣ Q T 6 5

Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q T 4
♥ A K 9 8
♦ 8
♣ A J 6 5

♠ J 6 5 2

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ Q T 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 8 3
♥ Q J
♦ 7 6 5 2
♣ 8 4 3

♠ 7
♥ T 7 5 3
♦ A K Q T 9 4
♣ K 9

Board 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

E-W Vul

No trump

♠ J 8 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ A 2
♣ K 8 7 5 2

♠ A Q 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ Q J T 7

♣ A 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 9 7 5
♥ 9 4
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ Q J T

♠ K 6 2
♥ T 8 5 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ 9 6 4

Board 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 8 3
♥ Q 7 5
♦ 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

♠ 5

♥ A K J 6 4 2

♦ K Q 9 6 5

♣ Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 8
♦ J T 8 2
♣ A T 7 3

♠ T 9 7 2
♥ T 9 3
♦ A 4
♣ J 9 8 4

Board 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 5 2

♥ J T 6

♦ J 9 6

♣ Q 9 4

♠ K J 8 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ 7 3

♣ K 6 5 2



♠ 9

♥ A K 9 4 3 2

♦ K Q 5 4

♣ J 8

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A T 8 2

♣ A T 7 3

Board 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 9 5
♥ A J 7 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ K 7

♠ A 7

♥ T 9 5

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ Q 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

Board 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 8 7 3 2
♥ Q 7
♦ K 6 3
♣ A J 9

♠ K 5

♥ J T 5 3

♦ 9 7 4 2

♣ 8 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A Q J T 5

♣ K 4 2

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ A K 9 8

♦ 8

♣ Q T 6 5

Board 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q T 4
♥ A K 9 8
♦ 8
♣ A J 6 5

♠ J 6 5 2

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ Q T 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 8 3
♥ Q J
♦ 7 6 5 2
♣ 8 4 3

♠ 7

♥ T 7 5 3

♦ A K Q T 9 4

♣ K 9

Board 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 8 3

♥ A 7 2

♦ A 2

♣ K 8 7 5 2

♠ A Q 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ Q J T 7

♣ A 3



♠ T 9 7 5

♥ 9 4

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ Q J T

♠ K 6 2

♥ T 8 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 6 4

Board 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J 8 3
♥ Q 7 5
♦ 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

♠ 5

♥ A K J 6 4 2

♦ K Q 9 6 5

♣ Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 8
♦ J T 8 2
♣ A T 7 3

♠ T 9 7 2
♥ T 9 3
♦ A 4
♣ J 9 8 4

Board 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 7 5 2

♥ J T 6

♦ J 9 6

♣ Q 9 4

♠ K J 8 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ 7 3

♣ K 6 5 2



♠ 9

♥ A K 9 4 3 2

♦ K Q 5 4

♣ J 8

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A T 8 2

♣ A T 7 3

Board 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 5
♥ A J 7 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ K 7

♠ A 7

♥ T 9 5

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ Q 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

Board 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 8 7 3 2
♥ Q 7
♦ K 6 3
♣ A J 9

♠ K 5

♥ J T 5 3

♦ 9 7 4 2

♣ 8 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A Q J T 5

♣ K 4 2

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ A K 9 8

♦ 8

♣ Q T 6 5

Board 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q T 4
♥ A K 9 8
♦ 8
♣ A J 6 5

♠ J 6 5 2

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 3

♣ Q T 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 8 3
♥ Q J
♦ 7 6 5 2
♣ 8 4 3

♠ 7
♥ T 7 5 3
♦ A K Q T 9 4
♣ K 9

Board 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 3

♥ A 7 2

♦ A 2

♣ K 8 7 5 2

♠ A Q 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ Q J T 7

♣ A 3



♠ T 9 7 5
♥ 9 4
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ Q J T

♠ K 6 2

♥ T 8 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 6 4

Board 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 8 3
♥ Q 7 5
♦ 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

♠ 5

♥ A K J 6 4 2

♦ K Q 9 6 5

♣ Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 8
♦ J T 8 2
♣ A T 7 3

♠ T 9 7 2
♥ T 9 3
♦ A 4
♣ J 9 8 4

Board 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 7 5 2

♥ J T 6

♦ J 9 6

♣ Q 9 4

♠ K J 8 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ 7 3

♣ K 6 5 2



♠ 9

♥ A K 9 4 3 2

♦ K Q 5 4

♣ J 8

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A T 8 2

♣ A T 7 3

Board 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 5
♥ A J 7 3
♦ 9 6 3
♣ K 7

♠ A 7

♥ T 9 5

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ Q 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

Board 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 8 7 3 2

♥ Q 7

♦ K 6 3

♣ A J 9

♠ K 5

♥ J T 5 3

♦ 9 7 4 2

♣ 8 7 3



♠ Q T

♥ 6 4 2

♦ A Q J T 5

♣ K 4 2

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ A K 9 8

♦ 8

♣ Q T 6 5

Board 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 3

♥ A 7 2

♦ A 2

♣ K 8 7 5 2

♠ A Q 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ Q J T 7

♣ A 3



♠ T 9 7 5

♥ 9 4

♦ K 9 5 3

♣ Q J T

♠ K 6 2

♥ T 8 5 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 6 4

Board 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J 8 3
♥ Q 7 5
♦ 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2

♠ 5

♥ A K J 6 4 2

♦ K Q 9 6 5

♣ Q

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 8
♦ J T 8 2
♣ A T 7 3

♠ T 9 7 2
♥ T 9 3
♦ A 4
♣ J 9 8 4

Board 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 7 5 2

♥ J T 6

♦ J 9 6

♣ Q 9 4

♠ K J 8 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ 7 3

♣ K 6 5 2



♠ 9

♥ A K 9 4 3 2

♦ K Q 5 4

♣ J 8

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A T 8 2

♣ A T 7 3

Board 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ A J 7 3

♦ 9 6 3

♣ K 7

♠ A 7

♥ T 9 5

♦ K Q J T 8 4

♣ Q 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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