

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7
♥ K Q 9 3 2
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ Q 8

12
11 4
13

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

♠ A Q 10 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 9 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ K J 3 2

♣ J 2

♠ 8 6

♥ J 10 7

♦ 7 6 5

♣ K 10 6 5 3

With a 5-card ♠ suit and 13 points NORTH should overcall 1♠.

SOUTH has 13 points and four ♠s. If NORTH had opened, SOUTH's hand would be good enough

to insist on game. But since NORTH overcalled, SOUTH merely invites with a jump to 3♠.

NORTH has better than a minimum overcall so she accepts the invitation and bids 4♠.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 10 7 5

♦ 6

♣ A K J 3

3
13 11
13

West

Dbl

Pass

4♥ by East

♠ 10 8 5 2

♥ 3

♦ J 9 8 7

♣ Q 8 7 6

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 7

♥ A 2

♦ K Q 10 4 3

♣ 10 4 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

4♥

South

1♦

Pass

WEST has a very minimum Takeout
Double of 1

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}!}_1$

. But what it lacks

in strength, it makes up for with perfect
distribution.

EAST has 13 points and only wants to
play in one contract, 4

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

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WEST passes happily.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ J 6 5 3

18
13 0
9

West
1 ♦
Pass
Pass
3 NT by South

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4



♠ J 7 6
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A J 9 4
♣ K 10 2

North
Dbl
3 NT

East
Pass
Pass

South
1 NT
Pass

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

NORTH 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.

SOUTH has good strength in WEST'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.

NORTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

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

s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8
♥ A J 9 2
♦ A J 6
♣ Q 9 8 3

12
14 13
1

West

2 NT

Pass

3 NT by West

♠ 5
♥ K 10 8 4 3
♦ Q 2
♣ A K 6 5 2



♠ J 10 7 3 2
♥ 7 6
♦ 10 9 8 5 3
♣ 4

North

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

♠ A K 9 6 4
♥ Q 5
♦ K 7 4
♣ J 10 7

EAST has an opening hand, 14 points and five \hat{a}^{TM} s. But NORTH beat him to the punch,

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

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

excellent stopper in

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

s.

She jumps to 2 NT, inviting EAST to bid game.

Since EAST has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card \hat{a}^{TM}

suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

15
11 0
14

West

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4



♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6

North

Dbl

3 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

4 ♥

NORTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1[♠].

With 14 points of his own, SOUTH knows his side needs to be in a game somewhere. He passes this information

to NORTH with a cue-bid of 2[♠].

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

3[♠]

. That

makes it easy for SOUTH - he bids 4

4[♥]

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