

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 3
♥ A 9
♦ K 10 5 4
♣ A 9 7 5

20
13 5
2

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Dbl	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1 NT by North			

♠ A 8 6
♥ K Q J
♦ A J 9 7
♣ K Q 4

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ 8 6
♣ J 8 6

♠ K 9 4
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 10 3 2

NORTH has 20 points, excellent

1TM

stoppers and a balanced hand.

She is two points too strong to overcall 1 NT. Instead, she doubles.

SOUTH has an awful hand - but since he is forced to bid he says 1TM, assuming NORTH wants

to hear his best suit.

NORTH now bids 1 NT, showing the balanced 19-21 point hand. SOUTH passes, of course.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8
 ♥ 9 3 2
 ♦ 10 9 6 4 2
 ♣ 10 5 3

10
 0 11
 19

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K J 6 2

♥ 6 5

♦ A Q 3

♣ 9 8 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A Q 10

♦ K J 7 5

♣ A K 6

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

3 NT

SOUTH has a 19 point balanced hand,
 including a stop in

♠

s.

He plans to double, then bid NT. (see
 Deal 9)

NORTH has 10 points though, so he
 jumps to 2♠.

In theory SOUTH could now bid 2 NT to
 continue the description of his hand, but
 he might as well

go ahead and bid 3 NT instead.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7

♥ K Q 9 3 2

♦ A 9 8 4

♣ Q 8

12

11 4

13

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 10 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 9 7 4



♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ K J 3 2

♣ J 2

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass

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 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7

♥ A 2

♦ K Q 10 4 3

♣ 10 4 2

13

13 3

11

West

1 ♦

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 10 7 5

♦ 6

♣ A K J 3



♠ Q 3

♥ K Q 9 8 6 4

♦ A 5 2

♣ 9 5

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

NORTH has a very minimum Takeout
Double of 1

 \hat{a}^{TM}_1

. But what it lacks

in strength, it makes up for with perfect
distribution.

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

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

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NORTH passes happily.