

Deal 1
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ A
 ♥ Q 10 9
 ♦ A 10 9 7 3
 ♣ Q 10 5 3

1
 12 13
 14

N
 W E
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♠ 5 3
 ♥ A J 4 2
 ♦ K Q J
 ♣ K 7 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	Dbl
Pass			Pass
2 ♣ by North			

♠ 7 6 4 2
 ♥ 7 6 3
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ J 9 8

♠ K Q J 10 9 8
 ♥ K 8 5
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ A 6

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SOUTH has 14 points, a doubleton in the opponent's ♠ suit and at least three cards in

each of the other suits. This is a normal Takeout Double.

NORTH has a really awful hand. He has just one point and his only 4-card suit is the one the

opponents have already bid. He wants nothing more than to pass.

But he cannot pass. Partner's Double said "Bid your best suit.", so he bids 2♦.

Mercifully SOUTH also passes.

Deal 2
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ K 6 3 2
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ K J 7 6

14
11 2
13

♠ Q 9 8 5
 ♥ K Q 10 5
 ♦ A K 3
 ♣ 4 2

♠ 4
 ♥ 9 6 3 2
 ♦ 7 6 4 2
 ♣ Q 10 9 5

♠ A J 10 7
 ♥ J 7
 ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ A 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♣	Dbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4♦ by South			

With 14 points, a shortage, and support for the other suits NORTH makes a Takeout Double.

SOUTH has 13 points so she bids 2♦. This is an artificial bid, apprising NORTH of SOUTH's opening

hand strength, and forcing the partnership to reach the game level.

NORTH suggests

2♦

s as trumps.

SOUTH doesn't like

2♦

s so she suggests 2♦ s.

NORTH agrees with 2♦ s and bids game, 4♦.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 2
 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ 10 9 7 2
 ♣ K J 9 4

16
 4 **12**
 8



♠ A K J 9 8 3
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A K J 3
 ♣ 7 5

♠ 6
 ♥ A K Q J 4 3
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ Q 10 2

♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ 9 6 5 2
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ A 8 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

SOUTH raises to 4â™ .

EAST's 1

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opening is passed around to NORTH. He is

tempted to overcall 1â™ , but with 18 points is a little strong for a mere overcall.

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points SOUTH is not strong enough to jump. She bids 2â™£.

NORTH now bids 2â™ . By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3
 ♥ 10 5 4 3
 ♦ 9 8 3
 ♣ 10 7 4 2

11
 o 11
 18

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
3 NT by South			

♠ 8 7	♠ K Q 6 5 4 2
♥ A 9 7 6	♥ J 2
♦ A 6 2	♦ K J 10 5
♣ K 9 6 3	♣ J

N	W	E	S
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♠ AJ 9
 ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ A Q 8 5

SOUTH has 18 points, a balanced hand, and a good stopper in their suit. He should overcall 1 NT.

For 1 NT overcalls, the range is increased to 15-18 points.

NORTH bids 2♦ (Stayman), just as she would with a 1 NT opening. When SOUTH denies holding

a 4-card Major NORTH has enough points to bid 3 NT. She doesn't worry about a ♠ stopper

since SOUTH promised he had the suit controlled.