

Deal 1
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

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o 13
18

N
W E
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♠ J 7 6
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A J 9 4
♣ K 10 2

♠ K Q
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♦	Dbl
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

SOUTH 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.

NORTH has good strength in EAST's

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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.

SOUTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

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s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

Deal 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

♠ Q 8	♦ A J 9 2
♥ A J 6	♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 5	♦ Q 2
♥ K 10 8 4 3	♣ A K 6 5 2

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West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by East			

suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

WEST has an opening hand, 14 points and five ♠'s. But SOUTH beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1♦.

EAST also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for ♠'s, but she has an

excellent stopper in

♦'s

s.

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

Since WEST has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card ♠'s

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

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♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6



♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1 \hat{a} TM.

With 14 points of his own, NORTH knows his side needs to be in a game somewhere. He passes this information to SOUTH with a cue-bid of 2 \hat{a} TM.

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

\hat{a} TMY

. That

makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

\hat{a} TMY

Deal 4

South Deals	♠ 10 8 3		
None Vul	♥ 9 4		
	♦ 10 9 6 4		
	♣ K J 5 3		
♠ A Q J 6 4 2	♠ K 7 5		
♥ A 7	♥ 8 5 2		
♦ J 7 2	♦ K Q 3		
♣ A 8	♣ 9 7 6 2		
	♠ 9		
	♥ K Q J 10 6 3		
	♦ A 8 5		
	♣ Q 10 4		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Dbl	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by West			

There is only one reason that WEST should not overcall with 1â™. He is too strong.

The maximum strength of an overcall is 16 points. Above that you should double.

So WEST doubles, and after EAST bids 2â™£, WEST bids 2â™. This shows an overcall

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

EAST has fine trump support and 8 points so she bids a confident 4â™.

Deal 5 ♠ J 7 6
North Deals ♥ 10 5 2
N-S Vul ♦ A J 9 4
 ♣ K 10 2

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

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♠ K Q
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 5

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♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6

♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

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W E
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♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

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o 11
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Deal 8 ♠ 10 8 3
West Deals ♥ 9 4
None Vul ♦ 10 9 6 4
 ♣ K J 5 3

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

N
W E
S

♠ 9
16 4 8 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3
12 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ Q 10 4

Deal 9 ♠ J 7 6
North Deals ♥ 10 5 2
E-W Vul ♦ A J 9 4
 ♣ K 10 2

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

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o 13
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N
W E
S

♠ K Q
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

Deal 10 ♠ J 10 7 3 2

East Deals ♥ 7 6

Both Vul ♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8
♥ A J 9 2
♦ A J 6
♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 5

♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

13 14
12

Deal 11

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6

♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

♦ 14
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Deal 12 ♠ 10 8 3
West Deals ♥ 9 4
N-S Vul ♦ 10 9 6 4
 ♣ K J 5 3

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

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



16 4
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Deal 13

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

9
o 13
18

N
W S E

♠ J 7 6
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A J 9 4
♣ K 10 2

♠ K Q
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 5

♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

13 14
12

Deal 15

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6

♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2



♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

♦ 14
15

Deal 16 ♠ 10 8 3
West Deals ♥ 9 4
E-W Vul ♦ 10 9 6 4
 ♣ K J 5 3

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

 ♠ 9
 16 4 8 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3
 12 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ Q 10 4

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 6

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A J 9 4

♣ K 10 2

♠ 8 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ 7 5 2

♣ 9 8 7

W N E S

♠ K Q

♥ A 9 4

♦ K 10 8 3

♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4

o 9 13

♥ K Q J 7

18

♦ Q 6

♣ A Q 4

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7

W N
S E

♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

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12♠ 5
♥ K 10 8 4 3
♦ Q 2
♣ A K 6 5 2

Deal 19

South Deals
E-W Vul
♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

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o 11
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♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

Deal 20 ♠ 10 8 3
West Deals ♥ 9 4
Both Vul ♦ 10 9 6 4
 ♣ K J 5 3

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

 ♠ 9
 16 4 8 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3
 12 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ Q 10 4

Deal 21 ♠ J 7 6

North Deals ♥ 10 5 2

N-S Vul ♦ A J 9 4

♣ K 10 2

♠ 8 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ 7 5 2

♣ 9 8 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q

♥ A 9 4

♦ K 10 8 3

♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4

♥ K Q J 7

♦ Q 6

♣ A Q 4

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o 13
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Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 5

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♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

Deal 23

South Deals
Both Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6

♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

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W E
S

♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

♦ 14
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♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

Deal 24 ♠ 10 8 3
West Deals ♥ 9 4
None Vul ♦ 10 9 6 4
 ♣ K J 5 3
♠ A Q J 6 4 2 ♠ K 7 5
♥ A 7 ♥ 8 5 2
♦ J 7 2 ♦ K Q 3
♣ A 8 ♣ 9 7 6 2

 ♠ 9
 4 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3
16 12 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ Q 10 4

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W E
S

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 7 6

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A J 9 4

♣ K 10 2

♠ 8 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ 7 5 2

♣ 9 8 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q

♥ A 9 4

♦ K 10 8 3

♣ J 6 5 3

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18♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

Deal 26 ♠ J 10 7 3 2

East Deals ♥ 7 6

Both Vul ♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

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♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6

♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

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o 11
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Deal 28

West Deals	♠ 10 8 3
N-S Vul	♥ 9 4
	♦ 10 9 6 4
	♣ K J 5 3
♠ A Q J 6 4 2	♠ K 7 5
♥ A 7	♥ 8 5 2
♦ J 7 2	♦ K Q 3
♣ A 8	♣ 9 7 6 2
16 4 12 8	♠ 9
	♥ K Q J 10 6 3
	♦ A 8 5
	♣ Q 10 4

N
W E
S

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 7 6

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A J 9 4

♣ K 10 2

♠ 8 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ 7 5 2

♣ 9 8 7

W N E S

♠ K Q

♥ A 9 4

♦ K 10 8 3

♣ J 6 5 3

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o 13
18♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 5

13 14

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♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 9 3

♥ J 10 5 3

♦ Q 5

♣ A K 8 6

♠ 5 4 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ 7 5 3 2

W N E S

♠ K Q J 10 6

♥ A 6 4

♦ J 10 4

♣ 10 9

♦ 14
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15♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

Deal 32

West Deals	♠ 10 8 3
E-W Vul	♥ 9 4
	♦ 10 9 6 4
	♣ K J 5 3
♠ A Q J 6 4 2	♠ K 7 5
♥ A 7	♥ 8 5 2
♦ J 7 2	♦ K Q 3
♣ A 8	♣ 9 7 6 2
16 4 12 8	♠ 9
	♥ K Q J 10 6 3
	♦ A 8 5
	♣ Q 10 4

N
W E
S

Deal 33

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 6

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A J 9 4

♣ K 10 2

♠ 8 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ 7 5 2

♣ 9 8 7

N
W E
S

♠ K Q

♥ A 9 4

♦ K 10 8 3

♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4

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18 13

♥ K Q J 7

♦ Q 6

♣ A Q 4

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 5

♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

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13 14
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Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 9 3

♥ J 10 5 3

♦ Q 5

♣ A K 8 6

♠ 5 4 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ 7 5 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 10 6

♥ A 6 4

♦ J 10 4

♣ 10 9

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o 11
15♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

Deal 36

West Deals	♠ 10 8 3
Both Vul	♥ 9 4
	♦ 10 9 6 4
	♣ K J 5 3
♠ A Q J 6 4 2	♠ K 7 5
♥ A 7	♥ 8 5 2
♦ J 7 2	♦ K Q 3
♣ A 8	♣ 9 7 6 2
16 4 12 8	♠ 9
	♥ K Q J 10 6 3
	♦ A 8 5
	♣ Q 10 4

N
W E
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