

Deal 1
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

9
o 13
18

West North East South
Pass 1 NT Pass Dbl
Pass Pass Pass 3 NT
3 NT by North

♠ 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

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♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

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

1	♦ Q 2
13 14	♣ A K 6 5 2

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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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

14
 o **11**
15

♠ 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

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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		
16 4 12 8	♥ K Q J 10 6 3		
	♦ A 8 5		
	♣ Q 10 4		
West	North	East	South
Dbl	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by West			1 ♥

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™.