

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ T 8 7
♣ J T 6 5

♠ A J T 7

♥ J 7

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ A 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 6 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 6 4 2
♣ K Q 9 7

♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ K Q T 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 2

West	North	East	South
		1♣	Dbl
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

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

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

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

SOUTH suggests

s as trumps.

NORTH doesn't like

s so she suggests s.

SOUTH agrees with and bids game, 4 .

Board 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ K Q J 8 4 3
♦ 7 6
♣ K Q J 4

♠ Q 7 4

♥ 9 6 5 2

♦ Q 5

♣ A 8 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 6 2
♥ A T
♦ T 9 8 4 2
♣ T 9 2

♠ A K J 9 8 3
♥ 7
♦ A K J 3
♣ 7 5

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

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WEST's 1

opening is passed around to SOUTH. He is

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

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points NORTH is not strong enough to jump. She bids 2 .

SOUTH now bids 2 By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

NORTH raises to 4 .

Board 3

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 5 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ K J 9 8 5

♣ J

♠ A J 9

♥ K Q 8

♦ Q 7 4

♣ A Q 8 5



♠ 8 7

♥ A 9 7 6

♦ A 6 2

♣ K 9 6 3

West	North	East	South
1♠	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

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

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

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

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

since NORTH promised he had the suit controlled.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q 9 7 3
 ♥ T 8 5
 ♦ T
 ♣ 9 5 3 2

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 7 6 4 2

♦ 8 6

♣ J 8 6

N
W
E
S

♠ 4
 ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ K Q 5 4 3 2
 ♣ A T 7

♠ A 8 6
 ♥ K Q J
 ♦ A J 9 7
 ♣ K Q 4

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

1 NT by South

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 SOUTH has 20 points, excellent

stoppers and a balanced hand.

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

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

to hear his best suit.

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

Board 5

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 3

♥ K J 8 7 3 2

♦ 8 4

♣ Q J T

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A Q T

♦ K J 7 5

♣ A K 6



♠ K J 6 2

♥ 6 5

♦ A Q 3

♣ 9 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
1♥	Dbl	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

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

S.

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

SOUTH has 10 points though, so he jumps to 2 .

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

go ahead and bid 3NT instead.