

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

9
0 13
18

♠ J 7 6
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A J 9 4
♣ K 10 2



♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

♠ K Q
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ J 6 5 3

<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

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

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

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 5
♥ K 10 8 4 3
♦ Q 2
♣ A K 6 5 2

13
12 1
14

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 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

North

1 ♠

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

NORTH has an opening hand, 14 points and five \hat{a}^{TM} s. But WEST beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

SOUTH also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for \hat{a}^{TM} s, but she has an

excellent stopper in

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

s.

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

Since NORTH has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card

\hat{a}^{TM} suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

15
11 0
14

West

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4



♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6

North

Dbl

3 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

4 ♥

NORTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1[♠].

With 14 points of his own, SOUTH knows his side needs to be in a game somewhere. He passes this information

to NORTH with a cue-bid of 2[♠].

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

3[♥]

. That

makes it easy for SOUTH - he bids 4

4[♥]

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Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

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

8
 4 12
 16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K 7 5
 ♥ 8 5 2
 ♦ K Q 3
 ♣ 9 7 6 2



♠ A Q J 6 4 2
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ A 8

North

2 ♣

4 ♠

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

2 ♠

Pass

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

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

So SOUTH doubles, and after NORTH bids 2nd TM£, SOUTH bids 2nd TM. This shows an overcall

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

NORTH has fine trump support and 8 points so she bids a confident 4th TM.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ A J 8 3
♣ 5 4 3

13
12 0
15

West
1 ♦
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass
3 NT by North

♠ K 9 8 3
♥ 7 6
♦ K Q 5
♣ A J 7 6



♠ Q J 2
♥ A K 4 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q 8 2

North

Pass
2 ♦
2 ♠
3 NT

East

Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

South

Dbl
2 ♥
3 ♣
Pass

♠ 7 6 5 4
♥ 10 9 5
♦ 10 9 6 2
♣ 10 9

NORTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

âTM!

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SOUTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

NORTH now cue-bids

âTM!

to show opening hand strength.

SOUTH shows his

âTM¥

suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

NORTH shows her âTM suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

SOUTH shows his âTM£ suit, NORTH likes it fine, but decides 3 NT will be easier than 5âTM£.

Deal 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 7 4

♥ A 7 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ 9 5

10

13 6

11

West

Pass

1 ♠ by South

♠ 8

♥ K 10 8 4

♦ Q 10 9 3

♣ A J 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 5 3 2

♥ J 9 2

♦ K 2

♣ Q 7 4

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

1 ♠

WEST would have had a great opening
1st bid. But when SOUTH opened 1st

in front of him he was hornswaggled. He
couldn't bid any other suit, he couldn't
bid 1 NT

and he sure couldn't bid 1st s. So he must
pass.

And so does everybody else pass.