

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

N
W E
S

♠ 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

â™|

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

â™|

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q 8
 ♥ A J 9 2
 ♦ A J 6
 ♣ Q 9 8 3

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

â™ suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

NORTH has an opening hand, 14 points and five â™ s. But WEST beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1â™ .

SOUTH also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for â™ s, but she has an

excellent stopper in

â™ 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

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

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



15	♠ A 9 3
11	♦ J 10 5 3
14	♦ Q 5
	♣ A K 8 6

<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 North			

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

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 \hat{a} TM.

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

\hat{a} TMY

. That

makes it easy for SOUTH - he bids 4

\hat{a} TMY

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

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

8
 4 12
 16

<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 South			

♠ K 7 5
 ♥ 8 5 2
 ♦ K Q 3
 ♣ 9 7 6 2

N
 W E
 S

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

♠ A Q J 6 4 2
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ A 8

There is only one reason that SOUTH should not overcall with 1♦. 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 2♦, SOUTH bids 2♦. 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 4♦.