

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 9 2

♥ 5 4

♦ K J T 6

♣ Q 5

♠ K 8

♥ A K Q T 7 3

♦ A 7 5

♣ 9 4

	N	
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♠ T 5

♥ J 8

♦ Q 8 3 2

♣ J T 7 3 2

♠ 7 6 4 3

♥ 9 6 2

♦ 9 4

♣ A K 8 6

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

4♥ by South

Baker Takeout 9

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have 16 HCP and two more points for the fifth and sixth ♥s. That is too strong for a simple overcall. Instead you double. Partner responds 2♣. What do you bid?

You bid 2♥, describing your hand as a 1-suited hand, too strong to merely overcall. Partner bids the ♥ game and you pass.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 5
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ A J T 5
♣ 9 4

♠ K Q 2

♥ A T 9 8

♦ 9 6 4

♣ K 8 3



♠ 7 4
♥ J 5
♦ K 8 7 3 2
♣ Q 7 6 2

♠ J T 9 6 3
♥ 6 4 2
♦ Q
♣ A J T 5

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♦	All Pass

2♦ by East

Baker Takeout 10

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You should double. This is a special case of the Takeout Double, where the opponents have already bid two suits before it gets to you. Since they apparently have at least 20 points, you should have a solid hand with at least 4-4 in the two unbid suits. A hand just like this one.

Partner bids 2♦. What do you say next?

Just pass. This is obviously a fight for the partscore and you have the advantage because you have found a fit. However, you suspect partner is quite weak.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 9 6 4 2

♥ Q 7 5

♦ 8 7

♣ T 8

♠ 7

♥ A K J 3

♦ A K T 5

♣ A Q J 9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A T

♥ 8 4

♦ J 4 3 2

♣ K 6 5 4 2

♠ J 8 5 3

♥ T 9 6 2

♦ Q 9 6

♣ 7 3

West	North	East	South
			Pass
2♠ Pass	Dbl 4♥	Pass All Pass	3♥

4♥ by North

Baker Takeout 11

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Pretty good hand you have. Certainly good enough to make a Takeout Double that forces partner to the 3-level. Partner responds 3♥. What do you bid?

Some questions don't have a correct answer. If partner has ♥ Q x x x along with the ♣ K and ♦ Q he would bid just as he did and slam would be cold. But if he has four small ♥'s and nothing else he would bid just as he did and you probably cannot make ten tricks. On balance it is probably best to just bid the most likely reasonable contract, which is 4♥.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J T

♣ A J 9 7

♠ 8 6 5 3

♥ T 9 6

♦ Q 9 7 3

♣ 8 4



♠ A T 4 2

♥ 7 5 3

♦ 8 6

♣ K T 6 5

♠ K 7
♥ Q J 4 2
♦ K 5 4 2
♣ Q 3 2

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

3 NT by East

Baker Takeout 12

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have a perfect 2NT opening hand. Trouble is, the opponents have already opened. You get around that problem by first making a Takeout Double. Partner replies 1 ♠.

You could not say 1NT on your first bid because that would show 15-18 points. Doubling first, then bidding the lowest level of notrump shows 19-20 points. Of course in both cases you must have their suit adequately stopped. Partner does the math and bids 3NT.