

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

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

♠ 3
♥ 10 8 6 5 2
♦ 10 2
♣ J 10 6 4 3

14
12 1
13
♣ K 7

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1♦ | Dbl | Pass | 2♦ |
| 3♦ | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 4♠ by North | | | |

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

You'd really like to have 4-card support for both Majors when you double a Minor. But it's not a requirement. So you double and hear partner respond 2♦. West then chips in with 3♦. What now?

Don't let West's bid bother you, he's just trying to push the envelope. You have a good hand and partner's bid shows 12+ points and is forcing to game. Now you have to find the right game, and the best way to start is by showing a 4-card Major suit. You bid 3♠.

That was what partner needed to hear, he bids 4♠.

Deal 2

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| West Deals | ♠ 9 5 |
| None Vul | ♥ K Q 10 3 |
| | ♦ A 10 5 4 |
| | ♣ A 9 6 |

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



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

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| West | North | East | South |
| 1 ♠ | Dbl | Pass | 1 NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

1 NT by South

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

The minimum requirements for a Takeout Double are 12 points, no more than two of Opener's suit, and at least 3-cards in the other suits. You just squeak by so you double. Partner says 1 NT and it is your bid again.

With no suit fit you can't even count a point for your doubleton so you have just 13 HCP. Partner's bid shows 8-T so you waste no time in passing. Don't worry about the ♠s, partner says he has them covered.

Deal 3
East Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 8 6
♥ 7 4 2
♦ Q 8 3
♣ Q 7 5

♠ 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ 6 4 2
♣ J 10 9 8 4 2

10
1 12
17

♠ 9 5
♥ K Q 10 3
♦ A J 10 5
♣ A K 6

N
W E
S

♠ K J 10 7 4 2
♥ A J 9
♦ K 9 7
♣ 3

West North East South

Pass 1 NT Pass Dbl

Pass Pass Pass

3 NT by North

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

Partner is showing you 8-10 points and no 4-card ♥ suit.

With no Major fit you are happy to play in notrump, knowing partner can stop their suit. Partner's 8-10 points added to your 17 is a probable game so you bid 3 NT.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10
 ♥ J 8 5 4
 ♦ J 10 6 3 2
 ♣ J 3

5 7
16

♠ 7 6 4 3

♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ 9 4

♣ A K 8 6

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ A J 9 5 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ K Q 8
 ♣ Q 10 7 5 2

♠ K 8

♥ A K Q 10 7 3
 ♦ A 7 5

♣ 9 4

West *North* *East* *South*

Pass 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♥

Pass 4 ♥ Pass Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

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.

Deal 5West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 2
 ♥ A 9 4 2
 ♦ Q 9 4
 ♣ A 8 3

6
 11 9
 14

♠ 7 4
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ K 8 7 3 2
 ♣ Q 7 6 2

N
 W E
 S

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

♠ A 8 5
 ♥ K Q 7 3
 ♦ A J 10 5
 ♣ 9 4

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ | Dbl |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 2♦ by North | | | |

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.