

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6  
♥ Q 8 6 3  
♦ 9 8 4 3  
♣ 8 5

16  
4 12  
8

West

Pass

1 ♠ by North

♠ K J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 9 5

♦ Q 6

♣ A K



♠ 4 2

♥ A J 7

♦ J 10 7 5

♣ Q 10 9 3

North

1 ♠

East

Pass

South

Pass

♠ A 5 3

♥ 4 2

♦ A K 2

♣ J 7 6 4 2

EAST has 13 points but she has to pass.

She cannot Double without support for

2♣.

s.

She cannot bid 1NT without 2 more points.

She cannot overcall 2♥ with a terrible suit like that.

And WEST of course must also pass.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ —

♥ 10 9 4 3

♦ 10 9 6 4 3 2

♣ K 10 4

14

3 13

10

West

Pass

Pass

1 ♠ by East

♠ 10 3

♥ K J 7 6

♦ K J 5

♣ A Q 7 2



♠ K Q J 8 4 2

♥ Q 2

♦ Q 8 7

♣ 8 3

North

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East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

SOUTH obviously has to pass when EAST opens 1<sup>♠</sup> .

NORTH has a reasonable Takeout Double. She hopes SOUTH will name a suit and they can just

play a partscore.

You should almost always bid when partner makes a Takeout Double. Almost always. This is the one time

when you don't. SOUTH's <sup>♠</sup> are so good that he passes, converting the Takeout Double into a

Penalty Double.

**Deal 3**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 4 3  
 ♥ 10 6 3  
 ♦ 3 2  
 ♣ Q 10 9 8

16  
 2 11  
 11

*West*

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q J 5  
 ♥ A K Q 2  
 ♦ A 9 8 5  
 ♣ 4 2



♠ A K 8 7 2  
 ♥ J 9 8  
 ♦ K 7 6  
 ♣ 6 5

*North*

4 ♠

*East*

1 ♣

Pass

*South*

1 ♠

Pass

SOUTH has a normal overcall of 1<sup>â™™</sup>.

NORTH has a really good hand, but he doesn't have to worry about missing a slam since SOUTH will

not have more than 16 points. So he just bids what he thinks SOUTH can make, 4<sup>â™™</sup>.

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

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

14  
 9 11  
 6

*West*

♠ A 9 7  
 ♥ A 9 7 6  
 ♦ A 4 2  
 ♣ Q 3 2

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

*North*

1 ♦

Pass

*East*

1 ♥

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

1 NT by West

EAST has 12 points and a good enough suit to overcall 1

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WEST has 9 points with a good

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stopper. She bids 1 NT.

EAST has nothing more to say, and lets WEST play 1 NT.