

Deal 1
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6
♥ J 10 7
♦ 7 6 5
♣ K 10 6 5 3

13
4 11
12

West North East South
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 1 ♠
Pass Pass Pass
4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 4 2
♥ A 8 5
♦ K J 3 2
♣ J 2

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7
♥ K Q 9 3 2
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ Q 8

♠ A Q 10 5 3
♥ 6 4
♦ Q 10
♣ A 9 7 4

With a 5-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit and 13 points SOUTH should overcall $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

NORTH has 13 points and four \hat{a}^{TM} s. If SOUTH had opened, NORTH's hand would be good enough

to insist on game. But since SOUTH overcalled, NORTH merely invites with a jump to $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

SOUTH has better than a minimum overcall so she accepts the invitation and bids $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

Deal 2
West Deals
None Vul

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

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

13 ♠ Q 3
13 3 ♥ K Q 9 8 6 4
11 ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ 9 5

West North East South
1♦ Dbl Pass 4♥
Pass Pass Pass
4♥ by South

NORTH has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

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in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

SOUTH has 13 points and only wants to play in one contract, 4

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NORTH passes happily.

Deal 3West Deals
None Vul

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

18	♠ J 7 6
13	♥ 10 5 2
9	♦ A J 9 4
	♣ K 10 2

<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 South			

N	♠ 8 5 3 2
W	♥ 8 6 3
S	♦ 7 5 2
E	♣ 9 8 7

NORTH 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.

SOUTH has good strength in WEST's

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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.

NORTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

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s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ 5
 ♥ K 10 8 4 3
 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ A K 6 5 2

13
 12 1
 14

	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			

a™ suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

♠ A K 9 6 4
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ K 7 4
 ♣ J 10 7

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

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

so he overcalls 1a™ .

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

excellent stopper in

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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 5East Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

14
o **11**
15

♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6



♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

<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 South			

SOUTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1â™.

With 14 points of his own, NORTH knows his side needs to be in a game somewhere. He passes this information to SOUTH with a cue-bid of 2â™.

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

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makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

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