

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 6 2
♥ A T
♦ T 9 8 4 2
♣ T 9 2

♠ A K J 9 8 3

♥ 7

♦ A K J 3

♣ 7 5

	N	
W		E
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♠ 5

♥ K Q J 8 4 3

♦ 7 6

♣ K Q J 4

♠ Q 7 4

♥ 9 6 5 2

♦ Q 5

♣ A 8 6 3

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

4 ♠ by South

opening is passed around to NORTH. He is

tempted to overcall 1 but with 18 points is a little strong for a mere overcall.

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points SOUTH is not strong enough to jump. She bids 2 .

NORTH now bids 2 By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

SOUTH raises to 4 .

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 7
 ♥ A 9 7 6
 ♦ A 6 2
 ♣ K 9 6 3

♠ K Q 5 4 2

♥ J 4

♦ K J 9 8 5

♣ J



♠ A J 9

♥ K Q 8

♦ Q 7 4

♣ A Q 8 5

♠ T 6 3

♥ T 5 3 2

♦ T 3

♣ T 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	1NT	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3 NT by West

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EAST has 18 points, a balanced hand, and a good stopper in their suit. He should overcall 1NT.

For 1NT overcalls, the range is increased to 15-18 points.

WEST bids 2 (Stayman), just as she would with a 1NT opening. When EAST denies holding

a 4-card Major WEST has enough points to bid 3NT. She doesn't worry about a stopper

since EAST promised he had the suit controlled.

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q 9 7 3

♥ T 8 5

♦ T

♣ 9 5 3 2

♠ J T 5 2

♥ 7 6 4 2

♦ 8 6

♣ J 8 6



♠ A 8 6

♥ K Q J

♦ A J 9 7

♣ K Q 4

♠ 4

♥ A 9 3

♦ K Q 5 4 3 2

♣ A T 7

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1NT

All Pass

1 NT by South

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SOUTH has 20 points, excellent

stoppers and a balanced hand.

She is two points too strong to overcall 1NT. Instead, she doubles.

NORTH has an awful hand - but since he is forced to bid he says 1 ♠ assuming SOUTH wants

to hear his best suit.

SOUTH now bids 1NT, showing the balanced 19-21 point hand. NORTH passes, of course.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A Q T

♦ K J 7 5

♣ A K 6

♠ T 9 8 5

♥ 9 4

♦ T 9 6 2

♣ 5 3 2



♠ K J 6 2

♥ 6 5

♦ A Q 3

♣ 9 8 7 4

♠ A 3

♥ K J 8 7 3 2

♦ 8 4

♣ Q J T

West

North

East

South

Dbl

Pass

2♠

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by West

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WEST has a 19 point balanced hand, including a stop in

s.

He plans to double, then bid NT. (see Deal 9)

EAST has 10 points though, so he jumps to 2 .

In theory WEST could now bid 2NT to continue the description of his hand, but he might as well

go ahead and bid 3NT instead.

Board 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ -
♥ K Q T 7 3
♦ A 9 8 7 5
♣ Q 5 3

♠ A Q T 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q T

♣ A 9 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 8 7 6

♥ J 9 2

♦ 6 4

♣ K T 8 6

♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ K J 3 2

♣ J 2

West

1 ♥

Pass

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

All Pass

South

3 ♠

4 ♠ by North

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With a 5-card suit and 13 points NORTH should overcall 1 .

SOUTH has 13 points and four . If NORTH had opened, SOUTH's hand would be good enough

to insist on game. But since NORTH overcalled, SOUTH merely invites with a jump to 3 .

NORTH has better than a minimum overcall so she accepts the invitation and bids 4 .

Board 6
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ K J 6 4
 ♥ J T 7 5
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A K J 3

♠ T 9 7 5
 ♥ 2
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 3
 ♣ T 7 2



♠ A 8 2
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ K J T 4
 ♣ Q 8 6 4

♠ Q 3
 ♥ K Q 9 8 6 4
 ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ 9 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Dbf	Pass	4 ♥	All Pass

4 ♥ by East

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 WEST has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

. But what it lacks

in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

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

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WEST passes happily.