

Deal 1
 East Deals
 None Vul
 ♠ 4
 ♥ 9 6 3 2
 ♦ 7 6 4 2
 ♣ Q 10 9 5

13
2 11
14

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♣	Dbl
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4♠ by North			

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

♠ Q 9 8 5
 ♥ K Q 10 5
 ♦ A K 3
 ♣ 4 2

With 14 points, a shortage, and support for the other suits SOUTH makes a Takeout Double.

NORTH has 13 points so she bids 2aTM£. This is an artificial bid, apprising SOUTH of NORTH's opening

hand strength, and forcing the partnership to reach the game level.

SOUTH suggests

aTM¥

s as trumps.

NORTH doesn't like

aTM¥

s so she suggests aTM s.

SOUTH agrees with aTM s and bids game, 4aTM.

Deal 2

West Deals	♠ Q 7 4
None Vul	♥ 9 6 5 2
	♦ Q 5
	♣ A 8 6 3

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

8	♠ A K J 9 8 3
12 4	♥ 7
16	♦ A K J 3
	♣ 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♣ by South			



WEST's 1

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opening is passed around to SOUTH. He is

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

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points NORTH is not strong enough to jump. She bids 2â™£.

SOUTH now bids 2â™. By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

NORTH raises to 4â™.

Deal 3

West Deals	♠ A J 9
None Vul	♥ K Q 8
	♦ Q 7 4
	♣ A Q 8 5
♠ K Q 6 5 4 2	♠ 10 3
♥ J 2	♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ K J 10 5	♦ 9 8 3
♣ J	♣ 10 7 4 2
	♠ 8 7
	♥ A 9 7 6
	♦ A 6 2
	♣ K 9 6 3

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11

West North East South

1 ♠	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

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

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

SOUTH bids 2TM£ (Stayman), just as she would with a 1 NT opening. When NORTH denies holding

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

since NORTH promised he had the suit controlled.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 4
 ♥ 10 8 5 3
 ♦ Q 3 2
 ♣ 10 3 2

2
5 13
20

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 5 2
 ♥ 7 6 4 2
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ J 8 6

♠ Q 7 3
 ♥ A 9
 ♦ K 10 5 4
 ♣ A 9 7 5

♠ A 8 6
 ♥ K Q J
 ♦ A J 9 7
 ♣ K Q 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 NT
1 NT by South			

SOUTH has 20 points, excellent

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stoppers and a balanced hand.

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

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

to hear his best suit.

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

Deal 5West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 5 3
 ♥ K J 8 7 4
 ♦ 8
 ♣ Q J 2

19
11 o
10

West
 1 ♥
 Pass
 Pass
 3 NT by North

♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ A Q 10
 ♦ K J 7 5
 ♣ A K 6



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

♠ K J 6 2
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ A Q 3
 ♣ 9 8 7 4

North East South
 Dbl Pass 2 ♠
 3 NT Pass Pass

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

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s.

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

SOUTH has 10 points though, so he jumps to 2â™.

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

go ahead and bid 3 NT instead.