

**Deal 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 2

♥ A K J 10 9 6

♦ K J 5

♣ Q J

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A 10 8 2

♣ A 10 7 3

♠ 10 7 5

♥ 4 3 2

♦ Q 9 6 4

♣ 9 8 4



♠ K J 8 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ 7 3

♣ K 6 5 2

14

15 2

9

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

North

Dbl

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

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

This is almost the hand you held in Deal 4 - just 3 points stronger in ♦s. So you double, and again partner jumps to 2 ♠. What do you bid?

That extra 3 points makes all the difference. With that singleton ♥ your hand is now worth at least 16 points. Add partner's 9, T or 11 and you are at game level. Bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ A J 7 3

♦ 9 6 3

♣ K 7

♠ 3

♥ 10 8 6 5 2

♦ 10 2

♣ J 10 6 4 3



♠ 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

13  
1 12  
14

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♦

1 ♦

Dbl

Pass

4 ♠

3 ♦

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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 ♦. East then chips in with 3 ♦. What now?

Don't let East'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 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

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 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

17  
12 1  
10

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

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.