

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K 8
 ♥ A K Q 10 7 3
 ♦ A 7 5
 ♣ 9 4



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

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

You have 16 HCP and two more points for the fifth and sixth ♥s. That is too strong for a simple overcall. Instead you double. Partner responds 2♣. What do you bid?

You bid 2♥, describing your hand as a 1-suited hand, too strong to merely overcall. Partner bids the ♥ game and you pass.

Deal 2
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 8 5	♠ J 9 2		
♥ K Q 7 3	♥ A 9 4 2		
♦ A J 10 5	♦ Q 9 4		
♣ 9 4	♣ A 8 3		
	♠ 7 4		
	♥ J 5		
	♦ K 8 7 3 2		
	♣ Q 7 6 2		
	♠ K Q 10 6 3		
14 11 6 9	♥ 10 8 6		
	♦ 6		
	♣ K J 10 5		
West	North	East	South
Dbl	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		
2 ♦ by East			

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

You should double. This is a special case of the Takeout Double, where the opponents have already bid two suits before it gets to you. Since they apparently have at least 20 points, you should have a solid hand with at least 4-4 in the two unbid suits. A hand just like this one.

Partner bids 2 ♦. What do you say next?

Just pass. This is obviously a fight for the partscore and you have the advantage because you have found a fit. However, you suspect partner is quite weak.

Deal 3
South Deals
None Vul

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

♠ K 2
♥ Q 8 7 5 4
♦ 8 3
♣ K 8 5 4

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 5 3
♥ 10 9 6 2
♦ Q 9 6
♣ 7 3

West North East South
2 ♠ Dbl Pass 3 ♥
Pass 4 ♥ Pass Pass

4 ♥ by South

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

Pretty good hand you have. Certainly good enough to make a Takeout Double that forces partner to the 3-level. Partner responds 3 ♥. What do you bid?

Some questions don't have a correct answer. If partner has ♥ Q x x x along with the ♣ K and ♦ Q he would bid just as he did and slam would be cold. But if he has four small ♥s and nothing else he would bid just as he did and you probably cannot make ten tricks. On balance it is probably best to just bid the most likely reasonable contract, which is 4 ♥.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9
♥ A K 8
♦ A J 10
♣ A J 9 7

20
2
11
7

West

Dbl

1 NT

Pass

3 NT by West

♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ Q 10 6 2
♦ 4 3 2
♣ 3 2



♠ A 10 4 2
♥ 7 5 3
♦ 8 6
♣ K 10 6 5

♠ K 6
♥ J 9 4
♦ K Q 9 7 5
♣ Q 8 4

North East South

Pass 1 ♠

3 NT

1 ♦

Pass

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

You have a perfect 2 NT opening hand. Trouble is, the opponents have already opened. You get around that problem by first making a Takeout Double. Partner replies 1 ♠.

You could not say 1 NT on your first bid because that would show 15-18 points. Doubling first, then bidding the lowest level of notrump shows 19-20 points. Of course in both cases you must have their suit adequately stopped. Partner does the math and bids 3 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals ♠ K 8

 ♥ A K Q 10 7 3

N-S Vul ♦ A 7 5

 ♣ 9 4

♠ A J 9 5 2

 ♥ —

 ♦ K Q 8

 ♣ Q 10 7 5 2



 ♠ Q 10

 ♥ J 8 5 4

 ♦ J 10 6 3 2

 ♣ J 3

16
12 5
 7

 ♠ 7 6 4 3
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ A K 8 6

Deal 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 9 2

♥ A 9 4 2

♦ Q 9 4

♣ A 8 3

♠ A 8 5

♥ K Q 7 3

♦ A J 10 5

♣ 9 4

W N E S

♠ 7 4

♥ J 5

♦ K 8 7 3 2

♣ Q 7 6 2

♠ K Q 10 6 3

♥ 10 8 6

♦ 6

♣ K J 10 5

11
14 6
9

Deal 7

South Deals	♠ 7
Both Vul	♥ A K J 3
	♦ A K 10 5
	♣ A Q J 9
♠ A Q 10 9 6 4	♠ K 2
♥ —	♥ Q 8 7 5 4
♦ J 7 4 2	♦ 8 3
♣ 10 6 2	♣ K 8 5 4
22 7 8 3	♠ J 8 5 3 ♥ 10 9 6 2 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ 7 3



Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♦ 4 3 2

♣ 3 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J 10

♣ A J 9 7

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

♠ K 6

♥ J 9 4

♦ K Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 8 4

2
20 7
11

Deal 9

North Deals ♠ K 8

 ♥ A K Q 10 7 3

E-W Vul ♦ A 7 5

 ♣ 9 4

♠ A J 9 5 2

 ♥ —

 ♦ K Q 8

 ♣ Q 10 7 5 2



 ♠ Q 10

 ♥ J 8 5 4

 ♦ J 10 6 3 2

 ♣ J 3

16
12 5
 7

 ♠ 7 6 4 3

 ♥ 9 6 2

 ♦ 9 4

 ♣ A K 8 6

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 2

♥ A 9 4 2

♦ Q 9 4

♣ A 8 3

♠ A 8 5

♥ K Q 7 3

♦ A J 10 5

♣ 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 4

♥ J 5

♦ K 8 7 3 2

♣ Q 7 6 2

♠ K Q 10 6 3

♥ 10 8 6

♦ 6

♣ K J 10 5

11
14 6
9

Deal 11

South Deals	♠ 7
None Vul	♥ A K J 3
	♦ A K 10 5
	♣ A Q J 9
♠ A Q 10 9 6 4	♠ K 2
♥ —	♥ Q 8 7 5 4
♦ J 7 4 2	♦ 8 3
♣ 10 6 2	♣ K 8 5 4
22 7 8 3	♠ J 8 5 3 ♥ 10 9 6 2 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ 7 3



Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 7 5 3

♥ Q 10 6 2

♦ 4 3 2

♣ 3 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J 10

♣ A J 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 4 2

♥ 7 5 3

♦ 8 6

♣ K 10 6 5

♠ K 6

2
20 7
11

♥ J 9 4

♦ K Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 8 4

Deal 13

North Deals	♠ K 8
Both Vul	♥ A K Q 10 7 3
	♦ A 7 5
	♣ 9 4
♠ A J 9 5 2	♠ Q 10
♥ —	♥ J 8 5 4
♦ K Q 8	♦ J 10 6 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 5 2	♣ J 3
16 12 5 7	♠ 7 6 4 3 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A K 8 6



Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 2

♥ A 9 4 2

♦ Q 9 4

♣ A 8 3

♠ A 8 5

♥ K Q 7 3

♦ A J 10 5

♣ 9 4

N
W E
S

♠ 7 4

♥ J 5

♦ K 8 7 3 2

♣ Q 7 6 2

♠ K Q 10 6 3

♥ 10 8 6

♦ 6

♣ K J 10 5

11
14 6
9

Deal 15

South Deals	♠ 7
N-S Vul	♥ A K J 3
	♦ A K 10 5
	♣ A Q J 9
♠ A Q 10 9 6 4	♠ K 2
♥ —	♥ Q 8 7 5 4
♦ J 7 4 2	♦ 8 3
♣ 10 6 2	♣ K 8 5 4
22 7 8 3	♠ J 8 5 3 ♥ 10 9 6 2 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ 7 3



Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 7 5 3

♥ Q 10 6 2

♦ 4 3 2

♣ 3 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J 10

♣ A J 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 4 2

♥ 7 5 3

♦ 8 6

♣ K 10 6 5

♠ K 6

2
20 7
11

♥ J 9 4

♦ K Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 8 4

Deal 17

North Deals	♠ K 8
None Vul	♥ A K Q 10 7 3
	♦ A 7 5
	♣ 9 4
♠ A J 9 5 2	♠ Q 10
♥ —	♥ J 8 5 4
♦ K Q 8	♦ J 10 6 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 5 2	♣ J 3
16 12 5 7	♠ 7 6 4 3 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A K 8 6



Deal 18

East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 8 5
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ A J 10 5
♣ 9 4

14 11
9

♠ J 9 2
♥ A 9 4 2
♦ Q 9 4
♣ A 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 7 4
♥ J 5
♦ K 8 7 3 2
♣ Q 7 6 2

♠ K Q 10 6 3
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 6
♣ K J 10 5

Deal 19

South Deals	♠ 7
E-W Vul	♥ A K J 3
	♦ A K 10 5
	♣ A Q J 9
♠ A Q 10 9 6 4	♠ K 2
♥ —	♥ Q 8 7 5 4
♦ J 7 4 2	♦ 8 3
♣ 10 6 2	♣ K 8 5 4
22 7 8 3	♠ J 8 5 3 ♥ 10 9 6 2 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ 7 3



Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 7 5 3

♥ Q 10 6 2

♦ 4 3 2

♣ 3 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J 10

♣ A J 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 4 2

♥ 7 5 3

♦ 8 6

♣ K 10 6 5

♠ K 6

2
20 7
11

♥ J 9 4

♦ K Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 8 4

Deal 21

North Deals	♠ K 8
N-S Vul	♥ A K Q 10 7 3
	♦ A 7 5
	♣ 9 4
♠ A J 9 5 2	♠ Q 10
♥ —	♥ J 8 5 4
♦ K Q 8	♦ J 10 6 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 5 2	♣ J 3
16	♠ 7 6 4 3
12 5	♥ 9 6 2
7	♦ 9 4
	♣ A K 8 6



Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 9 2

♥ A 9 4 2

♦ Q 9 4

♣ A 8 3

♠ A 8 5

♥ K Q 7 3

♦ A J 10 5

♣ 9 4

W N E S

♠ 7 4

♥ J 5

♦ K 8 7 3 2

♣ Q 7 6 2

♠ K Q 10 6 3

♥ 10 8 6

♦ 6

♣ K J 10 5

11
14 6
9

Deal 23

South Deals	♠ 7
Both Vul	♥ A K J 3
	♦ A K 10 5
	♣ A Q J 9
♠ A Q 10 9 6 4	♠ K 2
♥ —	♥ Q 8 7 5 4
♦ J 7 4 2	♦ 8 3
♣ 10 6 2	♣ K 8 5 4
22 7 8 3	♠ J 8 5 3 ♥ 10 9 6 2 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ 7 3



Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 5 3

♥ Q 10 6 2

♦ 4 3 2

♣ 3 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J 10

♣ A J 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 4 2

♥ 7 5 3

♦ 8 6

♣ K 10 6 5

♠ K 6

2
20 7
11

♥ J 9 4

♦ K Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 8 4

Deal 25

North Deals	♠ K 8
E-W Vul	♥ A K Q 10 7 3
	♦ A 7 5
	♣ 9 4
♠ A J 9 5 2	♠ Q 10
♥ —	♥ J 8 5 4
♦ K Q 8	♦ J 10 6 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 5 2	♣ J 3
16	♠ 7 6 4 3
12 5	♥ 9 6 2
7	♦ 9 4
	♣ A K 8 6



Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 2
♥ A 9 4 2
♦ Q 9 4
♣ A 8 3

♠ A 8 5
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ A J 10 5
♣ 9 4

14 11
9 6

N
W E
S

♠ 7 4
♥ J 5
♦ K 8 7 3 2
♣ Q 7 6 2

♠ K Q 10 6 3
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 6
♣ K J 10 5

Deal 27

South Deals	♠ 7
None Vul	♥ A K J 3
	♦ A K 10 5
	♣ A Q J 9
♠ A Q 10 9 6 4	♠ K 2
♥ —	♥ Q 8 7 5 4
♦ J 7 4 2	♦ 8 3
♣ 10 6 2	♣ K 8 5 4
22 7 8 3	♠ J 8 5 3 ♥ 10 9 6 2 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ 7 3



Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 7 5 3

♥ Q 10 6 2

♦ 4 3 2

♣ 3 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J 10

♣ A J 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 4 2

♥ 7 5 3

♦ 8 6

♣ K 10 6 5

♠ K 6

2
20 7
11

♥ J 9 4

♦ K Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 8 4

Deal 29

North Deals	♠ K 8
Both Vul	♥ A K Q 10 7 3
	♦ A 7 5
	♣ 9 4
♠ A J 9 5 2	♠ Q 10
♥ —	♥ J 8 5 4
♦ K Q 8	♦ J 10 6 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 5 2	♣ J 3
16 12 5 7	♠ 7 6 4 3 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A K 8 6



Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 2

♥ A 9 4 2

♦ Q 9 4

♣ A 8 3

♠ A 8 5

♥ K Q 7 3

♦ A J 10 5

♣ 9 4



♠ 7 4

♥ J 5

♦ K 8 7 3 2

♣ Q 7 6 2

♠ K Q 10 6 3

♥ 10 8 6

♦ 6

♣ K J 10 5

11

14 6

9

Deal 31

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

N
W E S

22
7 8
3

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 7 5 3

♥ Q 10 6 2

♦ 4 3 2

♣ 3 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J 10

♣ A J 9 7

♠ A 10 4 2

♥ 7 5 3

♦ 8 6

♣ K 10 6 5



♠ K 6

2
20 **7**
11

♥ J 9 4

♦ K Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 8 4

Deal 33

North Deals	♠ K 8
None Vul	♥ A K Q 10 7 3
	♦ A 7 5
	♣ 9 4
♠ A J 9 5 2	♠ Q 10
♥ —	♥ J 8 5 4
♦ K Q 8	♦ J 10 6 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 5 2	♣ J 3
16 12 5 7	♠ 7 6 4 3 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A K 8 6



Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 2

♥ A 9 4 2

♦ Q 9 4

♣ A 8 3

♠ A 8 5

♥ K Q 7 3

♦ A J 10 5

♣ 9 4

W N E S

♠ 7 4

♥ J 5

♦ K 8 7 3 2

♣ Q 7 6 2

♠ K Q 10 6 3

♥ 10 8 6

♦ 6

♣ K J 10 5

14 11
9 6

Deal 35

South Deals	♠ 7
E-W Vul	♥ A K J 3
	♦ A K 10 5
	♣ A Q J 9
♠ A Q 10 9 6 4	♠ K 2
♥ —	♥ Q 8 7 5 4
♦ J 7 4 2	♦ 8 3
♣ 10 6 2	♣ K 8 5 4
22 7 8 3	♠ J 8 5 3 ♥ 10 9 6 2 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ 7 3



Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 7 5 3

♥ Q 10 6 2

♦ 4 3 2

♣ 3 2

♠ Q J 9

♥ A K 8

♦ A J 10

♣ A J 9 7

N
W E
S

♠ A 10 4 2

♥ 7 5 3

♦ 8 6

♣ K 10 6 5

♠ K 6

2
20 7
11

♥ J 9 4

♦ K Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 8 4