

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ -
 ♥ K J 6 5
 ♦ A K J T 3
 ♣ K 8 5 3

♠ A K Q T 9 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ -

♣ A Q 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8 7 3
 ♥ A T 9 3
 ♦ Q 8 6
 ♣ J 7

♠ 6 5
 ♥ Q 4 2
 ♦ 9 7 5 4 2
 ♣ T 9 6

West	North	East	South
1♦	Dbl	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

2 ♠ by North

Baker Takeout 19

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

Don't even think about bidding 1NT. You are way way too weak for that. Don't even think about passing for penalties. Your ♦ are nowhere near good enough. Partner is forcing you to bid a suit, so you bid your best non-♦ suit, ♥s. Partner now jumps to 2♠. What do you say?

You say pass. Despite partner showing you a big hand you just can't help him.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 9 5

♥ 9 6 4

♦ 7 6

♣ A T 8 5 3

♠ 7

♥ A K Q 7 3 2

♦ K Q J

♣ J 9 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q 8 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A 8 5

♣ K 6 2

♠ T 3 2

♥ J T 5

♦ T 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 4

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

4 ♠ by East

Baker Takeout 20

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

Partner told you to bid, so you say 2♣. North repeats his suit and partner then says 2♠.

By doubling and then bidding his own suit, partner is showing a good hand, at least 17 points. Your hand can be revalued to about 7 points so you are good enough to invite partner to game. You bid 3♠ and partner says 4♠.

Board 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 2

♥ A T 2

♦ K Q J T 6 5

♣ 5 3

♠ A 8 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 2

♣ K Q J 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 7 3

♥ 9 5 4

♦ A 7 3

♣ T 9 2

♠ J 9 6 5

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 6 4

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

3♣ by South

Baker Takeout 21

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

Now that East has stolen your response you aren't strong enough to make a free-bid at the 2-level. You pass, West bids 2♦ and partner doubles again. Now what?

This is not a penalty double, partner is merely repeating his request for you to name a suit. But now he expects you to choose between ♥s and ♣s.

You bid 3♣ and everybody passes.

You may be one too high, but that still might be a good score if they can make 2♦.

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ Q T 9 6 5
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A 8 4

6

87

◆ AKOJ63

♣ J 9 6 3

N
W E
S

◆ KQUIT4?

♥ A 42

◆ T 5

T7

♠ A 9 7 5

♥ K J 3

◆ 97

♣ K Q 5 2

75

3

52

Baker Takeout 22

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

After South bids you are no longer forced to respond to partner's Takeout Double. You may pass if you want to.

But if you don't pass you are making what is called a "free bid". You should have 6 or more points and a reason for wanting to bid - like your 5-card ♥ suit.

You bid 2♥ and everybody passes.

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Dbl	1♠
2♥	All Pass		

2 ♥ by West

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 5 4
♥ Q 9 7 5 2
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 7 6 3

♠ A Q T 2

♥ 6 3

♦ K Q J 8 4

♣ K 9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 8 7 3
♥ K J 4
♦ 7 6
♣ A Q 5 2

♠ J 9 6
♥ A T 8
♦ A T 3
♣ J T 8 4

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Dbl	Rdbl
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

2♦ by South

Baker Takeout 23

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

The redouble has taken the force from you - you can pass if you want to. But if you pass, the most likely scenario is that North will also pass. So partner will either have to let them play 1♦ redoubled (which will be a disaster for your side) or take out his own double by bidding some suit. So he will bid a suit and it will almost surely be 1♠.

You can help your side the most by bidding 1♥ immediately. You don't have to worry that partner will believe you have a good hand; both he and North have 13+ points and South's redouble shows T or more. He knows there are no points remaining for you to have.

On this deal your ♥ bid gets passed around to South who bids 2♦, the final contract.

Board 6South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ K T 9 7
♥ 8
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A J 9 6

♠ Q J 8 6 2

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 9

♣ 5 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3
♥ K Q
♦ Q J T 6 2
♣ K Q T 8 4

♠ A 5 4
♥ A J T 6 5 3
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 7

West	North	East	South
			2♥
Dbl	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

5♣ by West

Baker Takeout 24

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

The problem with making a Takeout Double of a preemptive bid is that the bidding for your side starts out a level or two higher. So you can't risk doubling with a flimsy hand. However, this hand is certainly good enough so you double. Partner responds 3♥. What do you bid?

After partner cuebids the next job is to find a suit, so you bid 3♠. Partner now bids 4♣. What do you say?

You cannot stop short of game. Partner has apparently rejected your ♠ suggestion. Since you are happy to play in ♣s you bid 5♣.

Board 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ -

♥ K J 6 5

♦ A K J T 3

♣ K 8 5 3

♠ A K Q T 9 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ -

♣ A Q 4 2



♠ J 8 7 3

♥ A T 9 3

♦ Q 8 6

♣ J 7

♠ 6 5

♥ Q 4 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ T 9 6

Board 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 5

♥ 9 6 4

♦ 7 6

♣ A T 8 5 3

♠ 7

♥ A K Q 7 3 2

♦ K Q J

♣ J 9 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q 8 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A 8 5

♣ K 6 2

♠ T 3 2

♥ J T 5

♦ T 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 4

Board 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 2
♥ A T 2
♦ K Q J T 6 5
♣ 5 3

♠ A 8 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 2

♣ K Q J 7



♠ Q T 7 3

♥ 9 5 4

♦ A 7 3

♣ T 9 2

♠ J 9 6 5

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 6 4

Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♦ A K Q J 6 3

♣ J 9 6 3

♠ 8 3

♥ Q T 9 6 5

♦ 8 4 2

♣ A 8 4

♠ 6

♥ 8 7

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 7 5	
♥ K J 3	
♦ 9 7	
♣ K Q 5 2	

♠ K Q J T 4 2

♥ A 4 2

♦ T 5

♣ T 7

Board 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4

♥ Q9752

♦ 952

♦ 7 6 3

♠ A Q T 2

63

♦ K Q J 8 4

♣ K 9

A compass rose with four arrows pointing North, South, East, and West.

♠ K 8 7 3
♥ K J 4
♦ 7 6
♣ A Q 5 2

♠ K 8 7 3
♥ K J 4
♦ 7 6
♣ A Q 5 2

♠ J 9 6

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AT8

♦ AT3

♦ A K 5
♣ J T 8 4

Board 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K T 9 7

♥ 8

♦ A K 7 3

♣ A J 9 6

♠ Q J 8 6 2

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 9

♣ 5 3 2



♠ 3

♥ K Q

♦ Q J T 6 2

♣ K Q T 8 4

♠ A 5 4

♥ A J T 6 5 3

♦ 8 5 4

♣ 7

Board 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ -

♥ K J 6 5

♦ A K J T 3

♣ K 8 5 3

♠ A K Q T 9 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ -

♣ A Q 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 7 3
♥ A T 9 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ J 7

♠ 6 5

♥ Q 4 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ T 9 6

Board 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 5

♥ 9 6 4

♦ 7 6

♣ A T 8 5 3

♠ 7

♥ A K Q 7 3 2

♦ K Q J

♣ J 9 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q 8 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A 8 5

♣ K 6 2

♠ T 3 2

♥ J T 5

♦ T 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 4

Board 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 2

♥ A T 2

♦ K Q J T 6 5

♣ 5 3

♠ A 8 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 2

♣ K Q J 7



♠ Q T 7 3

♥ 9 5 4

♦ A 7 3

♣ T 9 2

♠ J 9 6 5

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 6 4

Board 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♦ A K Q J 6 3

♣ J 9 6 3

♠ 8 3

♥ Q T 9 6 5

♦ 8 4 2

♣ A 8 4

♠ 6

♥ 8 7

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 5 2

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

Board 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4

♥ Q 9 7 5 2

♦ 9 5 2

♣ 7 6 3

♠ A Q T 2

♥ 6 3

♦ K Q J 8 4

♣ K 9



♠ K 8 7 3
♥ K J 4
♦ 7 6
♣ A Q 5 2

♠ J 9 6

♥ A T 8

♦ A T 3

♣ J T 8 4

Board 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K T 9 7

♥ 8

♦ A K 7 3

♣ A J 9 6

♠ Q J 8 6 2

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 9

♣ 5 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3

♥ K Q

♦ Q J T 6 2

♣ K Q T 8 4

♠ A 5 4

♥ A J T 6 5 3

♦ 8 5 4

♣ 7

Board 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ -
♥ K J 6 5
♦ A K J T 3
♣ K 8 5 3

♠ A K Q T 9 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ -

♣ A Q 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 7 3
♥ A T 9 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ J 7

♠ 6 5
♥ Q 4 2
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ T 9 6

Board 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 7

♥ A K Q 7 3 2

♦ K Q J

♣ J 9 7

♠ J 9 5

♥ 9 6 4

♦ 7 6

♣ A T 8 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K Q 8 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A 8 5

♣ K 6 2

♠ T 3 2

♥ J T 5

♦ T 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 4

Board 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 2

♥ A T 2

♦ K Q J T 6 5

♣ 5 3

♠ A 8 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 2

♣ K Q J 7



♠ Q T 7 3

♥ 9 5 4

♦ A 7 3

♣ T 9 2

♠ J 9 6 5

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 6 4

Board 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♦ A K Q J 6 3

♣ J 9 6 3

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

Board 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 5 4

♥ Q 9 7 5 2

♦ 9 5 2

♣ 7 6 3

♠ A Q T 2

♥ 6 3

♦ K Q J 8 4

♣ K 9



♠ K 8 7 3

♥ K J 4

♦ 7 6

♣ A Q 5 2

♠ J 9 6

♥ A T 8

♦ A T 3

♣ J T 8 4

Board 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K T 9 7

♥ 8

♦ A K 7 3

♣ A J 9 6

♠ Q J 8 6 2

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 9

♣ 5 3 2



♠ 3

♥ K Q

♦ Q J T 6 2

♣ K Q T 8 4

♠ A 5 4

♥ A J T 6 5 3

♦ 8 5 4

♣ 7

Board 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ -
♥ K J 6 5
♦ A K J T 3
♣ K 8 5 3

♠ A K Q T 9 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ -

♣ A Q 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 7 3
♥ A T 9 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ J 7

♠ 6 5
♥ Q 4 2
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ T 9 6

Board 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ J 9 5

♥ 9 6 4

♦ 7 6

♣ A T 8 5 3

♠ 7

♥ A K Q 7 3 2

♦ K Q J

♣ J 9 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K Q 8 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A 8 5

♣ K 6 2

♠ T 3 2

♥ J T 5

♦ T 9 4 3 2

♣ Q 4

Board 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 2

♥ A T 2

♦ K Q J T 6 5

♣ 5 3

♠ A 8 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 2

♣ K Q J 7



♠ Q T 7 3

♥ 9 5 4

♦ A 7 3

♣ T 9 2

♠ J 9 6 5

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 6 4

Board 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ Q T 9 6 5
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A 8 4

♠ 6

♥ 8 7

♦ A K Q J 6 3

♣ J 9 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 7 5
♥ K J 3
♦ 9 7
♣ K Q 5 2

♠ K Q J T 4 2
♥ A 4 2
♦ T 5
♣ T 7

Board 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q T 2

♥ 6 3

♦ K Q J 8 4

♣ K 9

♠ 5 4

♥ Q 9 7 5 2

♦ 9 5 2

♣ 7 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 8 7 3

♥ K J 4

♦ 7 6

♣ A Q 5 2

♠ J 9 6

♥ A T 8

♦ A T 3

♣ J T 8 4

Board 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K T 9 7
♥ 8
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A J 9 6

♠ Q J 8 6 2

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 9

♣ 5 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3
♥ K Q
♦ Q J T 6 2
♣ K Q T 8 4

♠ A 5 4

♥ A J T 6 5 3

♦ 8 5 4

♣ 7

Board 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ -

♥ K J 6 5

♦ A K J T 3

♣ K 8 5 3

♠ A K Q T 9 4 2

♥ 8 7

♦ -

♣ A Q 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 7 3

♥ A T 9 3

♦ Q 8 6

♣ J 7

♠ 6 5

♥ Q 4 2

♦ 9 7 5 4 2

♣ T 9 6

Board 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 7

♥ A K Q 7 3 2

♦ K Q J

♣ J 9 7

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

Board 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 2

♥ A T 2

♦ K Q J T 6 5

♣ 5 3

♠ A 8 4

♥ K Q J 6

♦ 9 2

♣ K Q J 7



♠ Q T 7 3

♥ 9 5 4

♦ A 7 3

♣ T 9 2

♠ J 9 6 5

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 8 4

♣ A 8 6 4

Board 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ Q T 9 6 5
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A 8 4

♠ 6

♥ 8 7

♦ A K Q J 6 3

♣ J 9 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 7 5
♥ K J 3
♦ 9 7
♣ K Q 5 2

♠ K Q J T 4 2
♥ A 4 2
♦ T 5
♣ T 7

Board 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A Q T 2

♥ 6 3

♦ K Q J 8 4

♣ K 9

♠ 5 4

♥ Q 9 7 5 2

♦ 9 5 2

♣ 7 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 8 7 3

♥ K J 4

♦ 7 6

♣ A Q 5 2

♠ J 9 6

♥ A T 8

♦ A T 3

♣ J T 8 4

Board 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K T 9 7

♥ 8

♦ A K 7 3

♣ A J 9 6

♠ Q J 8 6 2

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ 9

♣ 5 3 2



♠ 3

♥ K Q

♦ Q J T 6 2

♣ K Q T 8 4

♠ A 5 4

♥ A J T 6 5 3

♦ 8 5 4

♣ 7