

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6 3 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 10 8
♣ K J 7 6

14
11 2
13

West
1 ♣
Pass
Pass
Pass
4 ♠ by South

♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 2



♠ A J 10 7
♥ J 7
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ A 8 3

North

Dbl
2 ♥
4 ♠

East

Pass
Pass
Pass

South

2 ♣
2 ♠
Pass

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

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

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

NORTH suggests

2♣

♣ as trumps.

SOUTH doesn't like

2♥

so she suggests 2♠.

NORTH agrees with 2♠ and bids game, 4♠.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 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
12 4
16

♠ Q 7 4
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A 8 6 3

♠ A K J 9 8 3
♥ 7
♦ A K J 3
♣ 7 5

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

NORTH raises to 4TM.

WEST's 1

1TM

opening is passed around to SOUTH. He is

tempted to overcall 1TM, 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 2TM.

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

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

Deal 3

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 10 7 4 2

11
O 11
18

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 8 7
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 9 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ A J 9
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q 7 4
♣ A Q 8 5

North

2 ♣
3 NT

♠ K Q 6 5 4 2
♥ J 2
♦ K J 10 5
♣ J

East

1 ♠
Pass
Pass

South

1 NT
2 ♦
Pass

SOUTH 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.

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

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

since SOUTH promised he had the suit controlled.

Deal 4

East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 4
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 10 3 2

2
5 13
20

West

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ 8 6
♣ J 8 6



♠ A 8 6
♥ K Q J
♦ A J 9 7
♣ K Q 4

North

♠ Q 7 3
♥ A 9
♦ K 10 5 4
♣ A 9 7 5

*East**South*

1 ♦

Dbl

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT by South

SOUTH has 20 points, excellent

1TM

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 1TM, 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 5

East Deals

None Vul

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

10
 0 11
 19

♠ K J 6 2
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ A Q 3
 ♣ 9 8 7 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ A Q 10
 ♦ K J 7 5
 ♣ A K 6

♠ A 9 5 3
 ♥ K J 8 7 4
 ♦ 8
 ♣ Q J 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Dbl
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

SOUTH 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)

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

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

go ahead and bid 3 NT instead.