

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 4
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 5

13
2 11
14

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

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A J 10 7
♥ J 7
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ A 8 3



♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 2

♠ K 6 3 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 10 8
♣ K J 7 6

With 14 points, a 1/2 point shortage, and support for the other suits SOUTH makes a Takeout Double.

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

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

SOUTH suggests

NT

s as trumps.

NORTH doesn't like

NT

s so she suggests NT s.

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 9
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q 7 4
♣ A Q 8 5

♠ K Q 6 5 4 2
♥ J 2
♦ K J 10 5
♣ J



♠ 10 3
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 10 7 4 2

18
11 0
11

♠ 8 7
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 9 6 3

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 2[™]£ (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 [™] stopper

since NORTH 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

Pass

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ 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

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

1 NT

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

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 5 3
♥ K J 8 7 4
♦ 8
♣ Q J 2

19
11 0
10

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ Q 7 4
♥ A Q 10
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A K 6



♠ K J 6 2
♥ 6 5
♦ A Q 3
♣ 9 8 7 4

North

Dbl

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

♠ 10 8
♥ 9 3 2
♦ 10 9 6 4 2
♣ 10 5 3

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

♠

s.

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

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

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.