

Deal 1

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 2

East Deals

None Vul

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

10
 0 11
 19

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K J 6 2

♥ 6 5

♦ A Q 3

♣ 9 8 7 4

W N
 S E

♠ Q 7 4

♥ A Q 10

♦ K J 7 5

♣ A K 6

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

3 NT

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

♠

s.

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

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

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.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6
 ♥ J 10 7
 ♦ 7 6 5
 ♣ K 10 6 5 3

13
 4 11
 12

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ K J 3 2

♣ J 2



♠ A Q 10 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 9 7 4

North

3 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

With a 5-card ♠ suit and 13 points SOUTH should overcall 1♠.

NORTH has 13 points and four ♠s. If SOUTH had opened, NORTH's hand would be good enough

to insist on game. But since SOUTH overcalled, NORTH merely invites with a jump to 3♠.

SOUTH has better than a minimum overcall so she accepts the invitation and bids 4♠.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7

♥ A 2

♦ K Q 10 4 3

♣ 10 4 2

13

13 3

11

West

1 ♦

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 10 7 5

♦ 6

♣ A K J 3



♠ Q 3

♥ K Q 9 8 6 4

♦ A 5 2

♣ 9 5

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

NORTH has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

 \hat{a}^{TM}_1

. But what it lacks

in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

SOUTH has 13 points and only wants to play in one contract, 4

 \hat{a}^{TM}_Y

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NORTH passes happily.