

**Deal 1**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 7 3  
♥ A 9  
♦ K 10 5 4  
♣ A 9 7 5

**20**  
**13 5**  
**2**

♠ A 8 6  
♥ K Q J  
♦ A J 9 7  
♣ K Q 4

N  
W E  
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♠ K 9 4  
♥ 10 8 5 3  
♦ Q 3 2  
♣ 10 3 2

♠ J 10 5 2  
♥ 7 6 4 2  
♦ 8 6  
♣ J 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	Dbl	Pass	1♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	Pass
1 NT by North			

NORTH has 20 points, excellent

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stoppers and a balanced hand.

She is two points too strong to overcall 1 NT. Instead, she doubles.

SOUTH has an awful hand - but since he is forced to bid he says 1â™, assuming NORTH wants

to hear his best suit.

NORTH now bids 1 NT, showing the balanced 19-21 point hand. SOUTH passes, of course.

**Deal 2**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

<b>♠ K J 6 2</b> <b>♥ 6 5</b> <b>♦ A Q 3</b> <b>♣ 9 8 7 4</b>	<b>♠ A 9 5 3</b> <b>♥ K J 8 7 4</b> <b>♦ 8</b> <b>♣ Q J 2</b>
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<b>♠ 10 8</b> <b>♥ 9 3 2</b> <b>♦ 10 9 6 4 2</b> <b>♣ 10 5 3</b>	<b>♠ Q 7 4</b> <b>♥ A Q 10</b> <b>♦ K J 7 5</b> <b>♣ A K 6</b>
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<i>West</i> <b>10 19</b> <b>o</b> <i>North</i> <b>1 ♥</b> <b>Pass</b> <i>East</i> <b>Dbl</b> <b>Pass</b> <i>South</i> <b>Pass</b> <i>3 NT by East</i>
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EAST 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)

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

In theory EAST 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 7  
♥ K Q 9 3 2  
♦ A 9 8 4  
♣ Q 8

♠ A Q 10 5 3  
♥ 6 4  
♦ Q 10  
♣ A 9 7 4

North

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

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**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7

♥ A 2

♦ K Q 10 4 3

♣ 10 4 2

♠ Q 3

♥ K Q 9 8 6 4

♦ A 5 2

♣ 9 5



♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 10 7 5

♦ 6

♣ A K J 3

♠ 10 8 5 2

♥ 3

♦ J 9 8 7

♣ Q 8 7 6

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

Dbl

Pass

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

EAST has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

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in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

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

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EAST passes happily.