

**Deal 1**  
East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2  
♥ 8 6 3  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 9 8 7

9  
o 13  
18

N  
W E  
S

♠ J 7 6  
♥ 10 5 2  
♦ A J 9 4  
♣ K 10 2

♠ K Q  
♥ A 9 4  
♦ K 10 8 3  
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4  
♥ K Q J 7  
♦ Q 6  
♣ A Q 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♦	Dbl
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

SOUTH has 18 points, a doubleton in the opponent's suit, and at least three cards in the unbid suits.

This is an ideal hand for a Takeout Double.

NORTH has good strength in EAST's

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suit, probably two stoppers.

He has 9 points and no 4-card suit of his own. This is the type of hand to respond 1 NT.

SOUTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

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s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 2**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 5  
 ♥ K 10 8 4 3  
 ♦ Q 2  
 ♣ A K 6 5 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q 8  
 ♥ A J 9 2  
 ♦ A J 6  
 ♣ Q 9 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
3 NT by South			

â™ suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

NORTH has an opening hand, 14 points and five â™ s. But WEST beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1â™ .

SOUTH also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for â™ s, but she has an

excellent stopper in

â™ Y

s.

She jumps to 2 NT, inviting NORTH to bid game.

Since NORTH has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card

**Deal 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 6	♦ A 6 4	♥ K Q 9 7	♣ A K 8 3
♦ J 10 4	♣ 10 9	♣ Q J 4	

**15**  
**11 0**  
**14**


  
 ♠ 8 7      ♠ 5 4 2  
 ♥ 8 2      ♥ 9 7 6 2  
 ♦ 7 5 3 2

♠ A 9 3  
♥ J 10 5 3  
♦ Q 5  
♣ A K 8 6

*West*     *North*     *East*     *South*  
 1 ♠       Dbl       Pass       2 ♠  
 Pass       3 ♥       Pass       4 ♥  
 Pass       Pass       Pass  
 4 ♥ by North

NORTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

With 14 points of his own, SOUTH knows his side needs to be in a game somewhere. He passes this information to NORTH with a cue-bid of 2 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

NORTH gets the message and starts the hunt for a trump fit by bidding 3

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makes it easy for SOUTH - he bids 4

â<sup>TM</sup>Y

**Deal 4**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 8 3  
 ♥ 9 4  
 ♦ 10 9 6 4  
 ♣ K J 5 3

8  
 4 12  
 16

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Dbl
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

♠ K 7 5  
 ♥ 8 5 2  
 ♦ K Q 3  
 ♣ 9 7 6 2

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ 9  
 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3  
 ♦ A 8 5  
 ♣ Q 10 4

♠ A Q J 6 4 2  
 ♥ A 7  
 ♦ J 7 2  
 ♣ A 8

There is only one reason that SOUTH should not overcall with 1♦. He is too strong.

The maximum strength of an overcall is 16 points. Above that you should double.

So SOUTH doubles, and after NORTH bids 2♦, SOUTH bids 2♦. This shows an overcall

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

NORTH has fine trump support and 8 points so she bids a confident 4♦.

**Deal 5**  
 West Deals  
 None Vul

♠ A 10  
 ♥ Q J 8 2  
 ♦ A J 8 3  
 ♣ 5 4 3

N  
W E  
S

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

**13**  
**12 o**  
**15**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

NORTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

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SOUTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

NORTH now cue-bids

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to show opening hand strength.

SOUTH shows his

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suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

NORTH shows her â™ suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

SOUTH shows his â™£ suit, NORTH likes it fine, but decides 3 NT will be easier than 5â™£.

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠ A J 10 7 4****♥ A 7 3****♦ A 8 6****♣ 9 5****10  
13 6  
11**

	N	
W		E
	S	

**♠ 8**  
**♥ K 10 8 4**  
**♦ Q 10 9 3**  
**♣ A J 8 3**
**♠ 9 6**  
**♥ Q 6 5**  
**♦ J 7 5 4**  
**♣ K 10 6 2**
**♠ K Q 5 3 2****♥ J 9 2****♦ K 2****♣ Q 7 4**
*West      North      East      South*  
*1 ♠*

Pass      Pass      Pass  
*1 ♠ by South*

WEST would have had a great opening 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> bid. But when SOUTH opened 1 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>

in front of him he was hornswaggled. He couldn't bid any other suit, he couldn't bid 1 NT

and he sure couldn't bid  $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup> s. So he must pass.

And so does everybody else pass.