

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7 5

♥ 4 3 2

♦ Q 9 6 4

♣ 9 8 4

$$\begin{matrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 14 \end{matrix}$$

♠ K J 8 3

♥ Q 7 5

♦ 7 3

♣ K 6 5 2



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

♠ A Q 6 4

♥ 8

♦ A 10 8 2

♣ A 10 7 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Dbl

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

This is almost the hand you held in Deal 4 - just 3 points stronger in ♦s. So you double, and again partner jumps to 2 ♠. What do you bid?

That extra 3 points makes all the difference. With that singleton ♥ your hand is now worth at least 16 points. Add partner's 9, T or 11 and you are at game level. Bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 2**

North Deals	♠ A 7 4 2		
None Vul	♥ 9		
	♦ K Q J 8 5 4		
	♣ Q 2		
♠ K Q 9 5	♠ J 10 8 6		
♥ A J 7 3	♥ K Q 4		
♦ 9 6 3	♦ A 7		
♣ K 7	♣ A 9 8 5		
	♠ 3		
	♥ 10 8 6 5 2		
12	♦ 10 2		
13 14	♣ J 10 6 4 3		
1			
West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Dbl	Pass
2 ♦	3 ♦	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♣ by East			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You'd really like to have 4-card support for both Majors when you double a Minor. But it's not a requirement. So you double and hear partner respond 2♦. North then chips in with 3♦. What now?

Don't let North's bid bother you, he's just trying to push the envelope. You have a good hand and partner's bid shows 12+ points and is forcing to game. Now you have to find the right game, and the best way to start is by showing a 4-card Major suit. You bid 3♠.

That was what partner needed to hear, he bids 4♠.

**Deal 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 10 7 4 3 2	♦ A J 9	♥ 2	♣ Q J 3
♦ 2	♣ Q J 3	♦ 2	♣ Q J 3

**13**  
**11** 7  
**9**

*West*      *North*      *East*      *South*  
 1 ♠      Dbl      Pass      1 NT  
 Pass      Pass      Pass  
 1 NT by South

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

The minimum requirements for a Takeout Double are 12 points, no more than two of Opener's suit, and at least 3-cards in the other suits. You just squeak by so you double. Partner says 1 NT and it is your bid again.

With no suit fit you can't even count a point for your doubleton so you have just 13 HCP. Partner's bid shows 8-T so you waste no time in passing. Don't worry about the ♠s, partner says he has them covered.

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 8 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ Q 8 3

♣ Q 7 5

♠ K J 10 7 4 2

♥ A J 9

♦ K 9 7

♣ 3



♠ 9 5

♥ K Q 10 3

♦ A J 10 5

♣ A K 6

♠ 3

♥ 8 6 5

♦ 6 4 2

♣ J 10 9 8 4 2

<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 West			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner is showing you 8-10 points and no 4-card ♥ suit.

With no Major fit you are happy to play in notrump, knowing partner can stop their suit. Partner's 8-10 points added to your 17 is a probable game so you bid 3 NT.