

**Deal 1**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

18  
13 0  
9

West  
1 ♦  
Pass  
Pass  
3 NT by South

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



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

North  
Dbl  
3 NT

East  
Pass  
Pass

South  
1 NT  
Pass

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

NORTH 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.

SOUTH has good strength in WEST's

â<sup>TM</sup>!

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.

NORTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

â<sup>TM</sup>!

s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 2**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

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

W N  
S E

♠ J 10 7 3 2  
♥ 7 6  
♦ 10 9 8 5 3  
♣ 4

13  
12 1  
14

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

♠ suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

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

so he overcalls 1♠.

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

excellent stopper in

♠.

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**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

14  
0 11  
15

West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

4 ♥ by South

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



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

North

2 ♠  
4 ♥

East

1 ♠  
Pass  
Pass

South

Dbl  
3 ♥  
Pass

SOUTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1<sup>TM</sup>.

With 14 points of his own, NORTH knows his side needs to be in a game somewhere. He passes this information

to SOUTH with a cue-bid of 2<sup>TM</sup>.

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

1<sup>TM</sup>

. That

makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

1<sup>TM</sup>

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**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

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

8  
 4 12  
 16

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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



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

*North*

2 ♣

4 ♠

*East*

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

*South*

Dbl

2 ♠

Pass

There is only one reason that SOUTH should not overcall with 1<sup>st</sup> <sup>TM</sup>. 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<sup>nd</sup> <sup>TM</sup>, SOUTH bids 2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>TM</sup>. 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<sup>th</sup> <sup>TM</sup>.

**Deal 5**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7 6 5 4  
♥ 10 9 5  
♦ 10 9 6 2  
♣ 10 9

15  
0 12  
13

*West*

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



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

*North**East**South*

1 ♦

Pass

Dbl

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

SOUTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}|}$ 

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NORTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

SOUTH now cue-bids

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}|}$ 

to show opening hand strength.

NORTH shows his

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}\text{Y}}$ 

suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

SOUTH shows her  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

NORTH shows his  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}\text{E}}$  suit, SOUTH likes it fine, but decides 3 NT will be easier than 5 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}\text{E}}$ .

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 7 4

♥ A 7 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ 9 5

10

13 6

11

West

Pass

1 ♠ by South

♠ 8

♥ K 10 8 4

♦ Q 10 9 3

♣ A J 8 3



♠ K Q 5 3 2

♥ J 9 2

♦ K 2

♣ Q 7 4

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

1 ♠

WEST would have had a great opening  
1<sup>st</sup> bid. But when SOUTH opened 1<sup>st</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 1<sup>st</sup> s. So he must  
pass.

And so does everybody else pass.