

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 4 2

♥ 9

♦ K Q J 8 5 4

♣ Q 2

14

12 1

13

West

1 ♦

3 ♦

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ J 10 8 6

♥ K Q 4

♦ A 7

♣ A 9 8 5

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ A J 7 3

♦ 9 6 3

♣ K 7

North

Dbl

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

4 ♠



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 ♦. West then chips in with 3 ♦. What now?

Don't let West'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 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ K Q 10 3
♦ A 10 5 4
♣ A 9 6

7
13 9
11

West

Dbl

Pass

1 NT by East

♠ J

♥ 8 6 5

♦ K Q J 7 6

♣ 10 8 4 2



♠ K 10 7 4 3 2

♥ A J 9

♦ 2

♣ Q J 3

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

South

1 ♠

Pass

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 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ K Q 10 3
♦ A J 10 5
♣ A K 6

♠ K J 10 7 4 2
♥ A J 9
♦ K 9 7
♣ 3



♠ 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ 6 4 2
♣ J 10 9 8 4 2

17
12 1
10

♠ A Q 8 6
♥ 7 4 2
♦ Q 8 3
♣ Q 7 5

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

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.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10

♥ J 8 5 4

♦ J 10 6 3 2

♣ J 3

♠ K 8

♥ A K Q 10 7 3

♦ A 7 5

♣ 9 4



♠ 7 6 4 3

♥ 9 6 2

♦ 9 4

♣ A K 8 6

♠ A J 9 5 2

♥ —

♦ K Q 8

♣ Q 10 7 5 2

5
16 7
12

West

North

East

South

Dbl

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♣

4 ♥

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

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

You have 16 HCP and two more points for the fifth and sixth ♥s. That is too strong for a simple overcall. Instead you double. Partner responds 2 ♣. What do you bid?

You bid 2 ♥, describing your hand as a 1-suited hand, too strong to merely overcall. Partner bids the ♥ game and you pass.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 2
♥ A 9 4 2
♦ Q 9 4
♣ A 8 3

6
11 9
14

West
1 ♣
Pass
Pass
2 ♦ by North

♠ 7 4
♥ J 5
♦ K 8 7 3 2
♣ Q 7 6 2



♠ A 8 5
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ A J 10 5
♣ 9 4

North
Pass
2 ♦

East
1 ♠
Pass

South
Dbl
Pass

♠ K Q 10 6 3
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 6
♣ K J 10 5

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

You should double. This is a special case of the Takeout Double, where the opponents have already bid two suits before it gets to you. Since they apparently have at least 20 points, you should have a solid hand with at least 4-4 in the two unbid suits. A hand just like this one.

Partner bids 2 ♦. What do you say next?

Just pass. This is obviously a fight for the partscore and you have the advantage because you have found a fit. However, you suspect partner is quite weak.