

Deal 1East Deals
None Vul

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

16
 4 **12**
 8



♠ A K J 9 8 3
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A K J 3
 ♣ 7 5

♠ 6
 ♥ A K Q J 4 3
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ Q 10 2

♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ 9 6 5 2
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ A 8 6 3

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

EAST's 1

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opening is passed around to NORTH. He is

tempted to overcall 1â™, but with 18 points is a little strong for a mere overcall.

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points SOUTH is not strong enough to jump. She bids 2â™£.

NORTH now bids 2â™. By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

SOUTH raises to 4â™.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

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

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♠ AJ 9
 ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ A Q 8 5

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

SOUTH has 18 points, a balanced hand, and a good stopper in their suit. He should overcall 1 NT.

For 1 NT overcalls, the range is increased to 15-18 points.

NORTH bids 2♦ (Stayman), just as she would with a 1 NT opening. When SOUTH denies holding

a 4-card Major NORTH has enough points to bid 3 NT. She doesn't worry about a ♦ stopper

since SOUTH promised he had the suit controlled.

Deal 3West 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

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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 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8
♥ 9 3 2
♦ 10 9 6 4 2
♣ 10 5 3

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♠ K J 6 2
♥ 6 5
♦ A Q 3
♣ 9 8 7 4

♠ A 9 5 3
♥ K J 8 7 4
♦ 8
♣ Q J 2

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

SOUTH 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)

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

In theory SOUTH 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 5West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7
 ♥ K Q 9 3 2
 ♦ A 9 8 4
 ♣ Q 8

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11 4
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♠ A Q 10 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 9 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 6
 ♥ J 10 7
 ♦ 7 6 5
 ♣ K 10 6 5 3

♠ K J 4 2
 ♥ A 8 5
 ♦ K J 3 2
 ♣ J 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♠ by North

With a 5-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit and 13 points NORTH should overcall $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

SOUTH has 13 points and four \hat{a}^{TM} s. If NORTH had opened, SOUTH's hand would be good enough

to insist on game. But since NORTH overcalled, SOUTH merely invites with a jump to $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

NORTH has better than a minimum overcall so she accepts the invitation and bids $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

Deal 6
West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 7 ♠ K J 6 4
♥ A 2 ♥ J 10 7 5
♦ K Q 10 4 3 ♦ 6
♣ 10 4 2 ♣ A K J 3

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13 3
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♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ 3
♦ J 9 8 7
♣ Q 8 7 6

♠ Q 3
♥ K Q 9 8 6 4
♦ A 5 2
♣ 9 5

West North East South
1♦ Dbl Pass 4♥
Pass Pass Pass
4♥ by South

NORTH has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

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in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

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

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NORTH passes happily.