

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7
♥ K Q 9 3 2
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ Q 8

12
11 4
13

♠ A Q 10 5 3

♥ 6 4
♦ Q 10

♣ A 9 7 4

W N 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 2
South Deals
None Vul

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 7
♥ A 2
♦ K Q 10 4 3
♣ 10 4 2

West North East South

Dbl Pass 4 ♥ Pass

Pass Pass

4 ♥ by East

WEST has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

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in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

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

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WEST passes happily.

Deal 3West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q	♦ A 10 9 4
♥ A 9 4	♦ K Q J 7
♦ K 10 8 3	♦ Q 6
♣ J 6 5 3	♣ A Q 4

18	♠ J 7 6
13	♥ 10 5 2
9	♦ A J 9 4
	♣ K 10 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 South			

N	♠ 8 5 3 2
W	♥ 8 6 3
S	♦ 7 5 2
E	♣ 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

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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.

NORTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

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s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8	♦ 5
♥ A J 9 2	♦ K 10 8 4 3
♦ A J 6	♦ Q 2
♣ Q 9 8 3	♣ A K 6 5 2

12	14	13
1		

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

N	E
W	S

♠ A K 9 6 4	♦ Q 5
♦ K 7 4	♣ J 10 7

♠ J 10 7 3 2	♦ 10 9 8 5 3
♦ 7 6	♣ 4

suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

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

so he overcalls 1♦.

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

excellent stopper in

♦'s

s.

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

Since EAST has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card ♠'s

Deal 5

West Deals	♠ 8 7
None Vul	♥ K Q 9 7
	♦ A K 8 3
	♣ Q J 4

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



15	♠ A 9 3
11 o	♥ J 10 5 3
14	♦ Q 5
	♣ A K 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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} 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} TM.

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

\hat{a} TMY

. That

makes it easy for SOUTH - he bids 4

\hat{a} TMY