

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

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

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

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

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

N
W E
S

♠ 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 1TM.

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 2TM.

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

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makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

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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 1st TM. 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 2nd TM£, SOUTH bids 2nd TM. 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 4th TM.