

Deal 1

West Deals	♦ 5 3
None Vul	♥ A J 4 2
	♦ K Q J
	♣ K 7 4 2

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



14	♠ 7 6 4 2
13	♥ 7 6 3
12	♦ 8 6 4
1	♣ J 9 8

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♣ by South			

NORTH has 14 points, a doubleton in the opponent's ♠ suit and at least three cards in

each of the other suits. This is a normal Takeout Double.

SOUTH has a really awful hand. He has just one point and his only 4-card suit is the one the

opponents have already bid. He wants nothing more than to pass.

But he cannot pass. Partner's Double said "Bid your best suit.", so he bids 2 ♣.

Mercifully NORTH also passes.

Deal 2
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ K 6 3 2
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ K J 7 6

14
11 2
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♠ Q 9 8 5
 ♥ K Q 10 5
 ♦ A K 3
 ♣ 4 2

♠ 4
 ♥ 9 6 3 2
 ♦ 7 6 4 2
 ♣ Q 10 9 5

♠ A J 10 7
 ♥ J 7
 ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ A 8 3

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

With 14 points, a shortage, and support for the other suits NORTH makes a Takeout Double.

SOUTH has 13 points so she bids 2♦. This is an artificial bid, apprising NORTH of SOUTH's opening

hand strength, and forcing the partnership to reach the game level.

NORTH suggests

2♦

s as trumps.

SOUTH doesn't like

2♦

s so she suggests 2♦ s.

NORTH agrees with 2♦ s and bids game, 4♦.

Deal 3
 West Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit 6 \heartsuit A K Q J 4 3 \diamond 8 6 4 \clubsuit Q 10 2	 \spadesuit Q 7 4 \heartsuit 9 6 5 2 \diamond Q 5 \clubsuit A 8 6 3
\spadesuit 8 \heartsuit 7 \diamond A K J 3 \clubsuit 7 5	\spadesuit 10 5 2 \heartsuit 10 8 \diamond 10 9 7 2 \clubsuit K J 9 4

<i>West</i> 1 \heartsuit Pass Pass Pass 4 \clubsuit by South	<i>North</i> Pass 2 \clubsuit 4 \clubsuit	<i>East</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>South</i> Dbl 2 \clubsuit Pass
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WEST's 1

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opening is passed around to SOUTH. He is

tempted to overcall $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$, but with 18 points is a little strong for a mere overcall.

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points NORTH is not strong enough to jump. She bids $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\mathbb{E}$.

SOUTH now bids $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$. By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

NORTH raises to $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

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

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West

♠ 8 7
 ♥ A 9 7 6
 ♦ A 6 2
 ♣ K 9 6 3

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♠ K Q 6 5 4 2
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ K J 10 5
 ♣ J

♠ A J 9
 ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ A Q 8 5

North East South

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

1 ♠
1 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

2 ♦
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.