

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q 8 6 3
♦ 9 8 4 3
♣ 8 5

16
4 12
8

West

Pass

1 ♠ by North

♠ K J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 9 5

♦ Q 6

♣ A K



♠ 4 2

♥ A J 7

♦ J 10 7 5

♣ Q 10 9 3

North

1 ♠

East

Pass

South

Pass

♠ A 5 3

♥ 4 2

♦ A K 2

♣ J 7 6 4 2

EAST has 13 points but she has to pass.

She cannot Double without support for

2^{NT}

s.

She cannot bid 1NT without 2 more points.

She cannot overcall 2^{NT} with a terrible suit like that.

And WEST of course must also pass.

Deal 2

South Deals ♠ —
 None Vul ♥ 10 9 4 3
 ♦ 10 9 6 4 3 2
 ♣ K 10 4

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

3
 10 14
 13

♠ A 9 7 6 5
 ♥ A 8 5
 ♦ A
 ♣ J 9 6 5

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

WEST obviously has to pass when SOUTH opens 1st ♠.

EAST has a reasonable Takeout Double. She hopes WEST will name a suit and they can just

play a partscore.

You should almost always bid when partner makes a Takeout Double. Almost always. This is the one time

when you don't. WEST's 1st ♠ are so good that he passes, converting the Takeout Double into a

Penalty Double.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

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

11
 11 2
 16

West

1 ♣

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A K 8 7 2

♥ J 9 8

♦ K 7 6

♣ 6 5

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♠ Q J 5

♥ A K Q 2

♦ A 9 8 5

♣ 4 2

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♠

NORTH has a normal overcall of 1^{â™™}.

SOUTH has a really good hand, but he doesn't have to worry about missing a slam since NORTH will

not have more than 16 points. So he just bids what he thinks NORTH can make, 4^{â™™}.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 7
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ A 4 2
♣ Q 3 2

11
14 6
9

West

1 ♦

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ K Q 3
♥ K Q J 5 3
♦ 9 6 5
♣ 10 6



♠ 10 6 5
♥ 8 4
♦ K J 10 3
♣ A J 8 4

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

NORTH has 12 points and a good enough suit to overcall 1

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SOUTH has 9 points with a good

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stopper. She bids 1 NT.

NORTH has nothing more to say, and lets SOUTH play 1 NT.