

**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  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit and 13 points NORTH should overcall  $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ .

SOUTH has 13 points and four  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ 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**  
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

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

13      ♠ Q 3  
13 3      ♥ K Q 9 8 6 4  
11      ♦ 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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. But what it lacks

in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

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

â™Y

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NORTH passes happily.

**Deal 3**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2  
 ♥ 8 6 3  
 ♦ 7 5 2  
 ♣ 9 8 7

9  
 o 13  
 18

<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 North			

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

W N  
 S E

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

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

SOUTH 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.

NORTH has good strength in EAST'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.

SOUTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

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s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
 12 1  
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♠ A K 9 6 4  
 ♥ Q 5  
 ♦ K 7 4  
 ♣ J 10 7

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

♠ Q 8  
 ♥ A J 9 2  
 ♦ A J 6  
 ♣ Q 9 8 3

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

â™ suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

NORTH has an opening hand, 14 points and five â™ s. But WEST beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1â™ .

SOUTH also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for â™ s, but she has an

excellent stopper in

â™ Y

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 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 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

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 $\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>.

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

$\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>Y

. That

makes it easy for SOUTH - he bids 4

$\hat{a}$ <sup>TM</sup>Y