

Deal 1
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ 4
 ♥ 9 6 3 2
 ♦ 7 6 4 2
 ♣ Q 10 9 5

13
2 11
14

<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 North			

♠ A J 10 7
 ♥ J 7
 ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ A 8 3

♠ K 6 3 2
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ K J 7 6

♠ Q 9 8 5
 ♥ K Q 10 5
 ♦ A K 3
 ♣ 4 2

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

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

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

SOUTH suggests

aTM¥

s as trumps.

NORTH doesn't like

aTM¥

s so she suggests aTM s.

SOUTH agrees with aTM s and bids game, 4aTM.

Deal 2

South Deals	♠ 10 5 2
None Vul	♥ 10 8
	♦ 10 9 7 2
	♣ K J 9 4

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

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♠ 6
4
8 16
12
♦ 8 6 4
♣ Q 10 2

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

SOUTH's 1

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opening is passed around to EAST. He is tempted to overcall 1â™, but with 18 points is a little strong for a mere overcall.

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points WEST is not strong enough to jump. She bids 2â™£.

EAST now bids 2â™. By doubling first, then bidding his own suit,

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

WEST raises to 4â™.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

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

11
 o 11
 18

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♠ AJ 9
 ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ A Q 8 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	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.

Deal 4
South Deals
None Vul

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

20 5
2 2
13

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ 8 6
♣ J 8 6

♠ Q 7 3
♥ A 9
♦ K 10 5 4
♣ A 9 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Dbl	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 NT by West			1 ♦

WEST has 20 points, excellent

â™!

stoppers and a balanced hand.

She is two points too strong to overcall 1 NT. Instead, she doubles.

EAST has an awful hand - but since he is forced to bid he says 1â™, assuming WEST wants

to hear his best suit.

WEST now bids 1 NT, showing the balanced 19-21 point hand. EAST passes, of course.

Deal 5West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 5 3
 ♥ K J 8 7 4
 ♦ 8
 ♣ Q J 2

19
11 o
10

West
 1 ♥
 Pass
 Pass
 3 NT by North

♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ A Q 10
 ♦ K J 7 5
 ♣ A K 6



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

♠ K J 6 2
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ A Q 3
 ♣ 9 8 7 4

North East South
 Dbl Pass 2 ♠
 3 NT Pass Pass

NORTH has a 19 point balanced hand, including a stop in

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s.

He plans to double, then bid NT. (see Deal 9)

SOUTH has 10 points though, so he jumps to 2â™.

In theory NORTH could now bid 2 NT to continue the description of his hand, but he might as well

go ahead and bid 3 NT instead.