

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q 5 4

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A J 3



♠ 10 5 3
♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ K 10 7

14
15 6
5

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 9 5 2
♦ K 9
♣ 9 8 6 2

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

NORTH has an opening hand, 15 points, and a 5-card ♠ suit. Unfortunately WEST beat her to

the punch by opening 1

♠

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But NORTH should get into the bidding anyway, by Overcalling 1♠. This shows a good ♠ suit

and somewhere between 9 and 16 points.

SOUTH has 6 points. If NORTH had actually OPENED 1♠, SOUTH would be obligated to bid. But knowing that

the Overcall will not be made with more than 16 points, SOUTH just passes.

Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ K J 6

11
11 14
4

West

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ 8

♥ A K Q J 6 3

♦ J 8 3

♣ 10 8 3



♠ 10 5 3

♥ 9 4

♦ 10 9 5 2

♣ A 9 7 2

North

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

♠ A K J 7 4

♥ 8 7

♦ A 7 6

♣ Q 5 4

EAST has an opening hand, 15 points and five \hat{a}^{TM} s. But NORTH beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

WEST has 11 points, and if EAST had opened she would make a Limit Raise to $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

But when replying to an Overcall, the strength needs to be a little higher. In Deal 1 it was OK to

pass a $1\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ Overcall with 6 points, here it is correct to just raise to $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$ with 11 points.

EAST actually has a strong Overcall so he bids $4\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$.

Deal 3

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 9 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ Q 9 7

12
5 14
9

West

Pass
Pass

3 ♠ by South

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A K
♣ K 8 6 2



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ J 5 4

North

3 ♠

East

1 ♥
Pass

South

1 ♠
Pass

This time SOUTH has just 10 points, nowhere near an opening hand. Still, when EAST opens

1

1TM

SOUTH should Overcall 1TM. This shows a good 1TM suit

and somewhere between 9 and 16 points.

NORTH has 13 points. If SOUTH had actually OPENED 1TM, NORTH would insist on game. But SOUTH didn't

Open, she just Overcalled. So NORTH must be more cautious. He jumps to 3TM and SOUTH shows her

minimum type hand by passing.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

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

11
 10 15
 4

West

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by West

♠ Q J 7 2
 ♥ A K J 9 6
 ♦ 10 9 2
 ♣ 4



♠ 4
 ♥ Q 8 3 2
 ♦ J 6 5 4
 ♣ J 10 9 3

North

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

East

Dbl

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

EAST has 15 points, a singleton in the opponent's suit and 4-card support for any suit

partner might name. In other words, a perfect Takeout Double.

WEST needs to make a medium-strong bid to apprise EAST of her 10 points. She jumps to 2[♠].

EAST's hand is now worth 17 points because of the singleton. Since he is quite happy with

2[♠] he bids 4[♠].

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 4 2

♥ 7 6 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ J 9 8

♠ A

♥ Q 10 9

♦ A 10 9 7 3

♣ Q 10 5 3



♠ K Q J 10 9 8

♥ K 8 5

♦ 5 2

♣ A 6

♠ 5 3

♥ A J 4 2

♦ K Q J

♣ K 7 4 2

1
12 13
14

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♣

1 ♠

Pass

Dbl

Pass

Pass

2 ♣ by North

SOUTH has 14 points, a doubleton in the opponent's \hat{a}^{TM} suit and at least three cards in

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

NORTH 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 $2\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{E}$.

Mercifully SOUTH also passes.

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 2

2
14 13
11

West

Dbl

2 ♥

4 ♠

4 ♠ by East

♠ 4

♥ 9 6 3 2

♦ 7 6 4 2

♣ Q 10 9 5



♠ K 6 3 2

♥ A 8 4

♦ 10 8

♣ K J 7 6

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♣

2 ♠

Pass

South

1 ♣

Pass

Pass

Pass

With 14 points, $\hat{\text{a}}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$ shortage, and support for the other suits WEST makes a Takeout Double.

EAST has 13 points so she bids $2\hat{\text{a}}^{\text{TM}}\text{£}$. This is an artificial bid, apprising WEST of EAST's opening

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

WEST suggests

$\hat{\text{a}}^{\text{TM}}\text{¥}$

s as trumps.

EAST doesn't like

$\hat{\text{a}}^{\text{TM}}\text{¥}$

s so she suggests $\hat{\text{a}}^{\text{TM}}\text{s}$.

WEST agrees with $\hat{\text{a}}^{\text{TM}}\text{s}$ and bids game, $4\hat{\text{a}}^{\text{TM}}$.

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A J 3

14
15 6
5

♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q 5 4



♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 9 5 2
♦ K 9
♣ 9 8 6 2

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ K 10 7

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ 10 5 2

♦ K Q 4

♣ K J 6

11

11 14

4

♠ 8

♥ A K Q J 6 3

♦ J 8 3

♣ 10 8 3



♠ A K J 7 4

♥ 8 7

♦ A 7 6

♣ Q 5 4

♠ 10 5 3

♥ 9 4

♦ 10 9 5 2

♣ A 9 7 2

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 9 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ Q 9 7

12
5 14
9

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A K
♣ K 8 6 2



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ J 5 4

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A 10 3

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 10 5 3

♥ 10 7 5

♦ Q 8

♣ A 8 6 2

11
10 15
4

♠ Q J 7 2

♥ A K J 9 6

♦ 10 9 2

♣ 4



♠ K 9 8 6

♥ 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ K Q 7 5

♠ 4

♥ Q 8 3 2

♦ J 6 5 4

♣ J 10 9 3

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 4 2

♥ 7 6 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ J 9 8

♠ A

♥ Q 10 9

♦ A 10 9 7 3

♣ Q 10 5 3



♠ K Q J 10 9 8

♥ K 8 5

♦ 5 2

♣ A 6

♠ 5 3

♥ A J 4 2

♦ K Q J

♣ K 7 4 2

1
12 13
14

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 2

2
14 13
11

♠ 4
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 5



♠ K 6 3 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 10 8
♣ K J 7 6

♠ A J 10 7
♥ J 7
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ A 8 3

Deal 13

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A J 3

14
15 6
5

♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q 5 4



♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 9 5 2
♦ K 9
♣ 9 8 6 2

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ K 10 7

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ 10 5 2

♦ K Q 4

♣ K J 6

11

11 14

4

♠ 8

♥ A K Q J 6 3

♦ J 8 3

♣ 10 8 3



♠ A K J 7 4

♥ 8 7

♦ A 7 6

♣ Q 5 4

♠ 10 5 3

♥ 9 4

♦ 10 9 5 2

♣ A 9 7 2

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 9 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ Q 9 7

12
5 14
9

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A K
♣ K 8 6 2



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ J 5 4

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A 10 3

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10 5 3

♥ 10 7 5

♦ Q 8

♣ A 8 6 2

11
10 15
4

♠ Q J 7 2

♥ A K J 9 6

♦ 10 9 2

♣ 4



♠ K 9 8 6

♥ 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ K Q 7 5

♠ 4

♥ Q 8 3 2

♦ J 6 5 4

♣ J 10 9 3

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A
♥ Q 10 9
♦ A 10 9 7 3
♣ Q 10 5 3

1
12 13
14

♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ J 9 8



♠ 5 3
♥ A J 4 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K 7 4 2

♠ K Q J 10 9 8
♥ K 8 5
♦ 5 2
♣ A 6

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 2

2
14 13
11

♠ 4
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 5



♠ K 6 3 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 10 8
♣ K J 7 6

♠ A J 10 7
♥ J 7
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ A 8 3

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A J 3

14
15 6
5

♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q 5 4



♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 9 5 2
♦ K 9
♣ 9 8 6 2

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ K 10 7

Deal 20
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ K J 6

11
11 14
4

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 6 3
♦ J 8 3
♣ 10 8 3



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q 5 4

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 9 4
♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ A 9 7 2

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 9 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ Q 9 7

12
5 14
9

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A K
♣ K 8 6 2



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ J 5 4

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A 10 3

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10 5 3

♥ 10 7 5

♦ Q 8

♣ A 8 6 2

11
10 15
4

♠ Q J 7 2

♥ A K J 9 6

♦ 10 9 2

♣ 4



♠ K 9 8 6

♥ 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ K Q 7 5

♠ 4

♥ Q 8 3 2

♦ J 6 5 4

♣ J 10 9 3

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A
♥ Q 10 9
♦ A 10 9 7 3
♣ Q 10 5 3

1
12 13
14

♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ J 9 8



♠ 5 3
♥ A J 4 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K 7 4 2

♠ K Q J 10 9 8
♥ K 8 5
♦ 5 2
♣ A 6

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 2

2
14 13
11

♠ 4
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 5



♠ K 6 3 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 10 8
♣ K J 7 6

♠ A J 10 7
♥ J 7
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ A 8 3

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A J 3

14
15 6
5

♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q 5 4



♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 9 5 2
♦ K 9
♣ 9 8 6 2

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ K 10 7

Deal 26
East Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ K J 6

11
11 14
4

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 6 3
♦ J 8 3
♣ 10 8 3



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q 5 4

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 9 4
♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ A 9 7 2

Deal 27
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 9 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ Q 9 7

12
5 14
9

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A K
♣ K 8 6 2



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ J 5 4

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A 10 3

Deal 28
West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 10 5 3
♥ 10 7 5
♦ Q 8
♣ A 8 6 2

11
10 15
4

♠ Q J 7 2
♥ A K J 9 6
♦ 10 9 2
♣ 4



♠ 4
♥ Q 8 3 2
♦ J 6 5 4
♣ J 10 9 3

♠ K 9 8 6
♥ 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ K Q 7 5

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A
♥ Q 10 9
♦ A 10 9 7 3
♣ Q 10 5 3

1
12 13
14

♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ J 9 8



♠ 5 3
♥ A J 4 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K 7 4 2

♠ K Q J 10 9 8
♥ K 8 5
♦ 5 2
♣ A 6

Deal 30
East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 2

2
14 13
11

♠ 4
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 5



♠ K 6 3 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 10 8
♣ K J 7 6

♠ A J 10 7
♥ J 7
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ A 8 3

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A J 3

14
15 6
5

♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q 5 4



♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 9 5 2
♦ K 9
♣ 9 8 6 2

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ K 10 7

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ 10 5 2

♦ K Q 4

♣ K J 6

11

11 14

4

♠ 8

♥ A K Q J 6 3

♦ J 8 3

♣ 10 8 3



♠ A K J 7 4

♥ 8 7

♦ A 7 6

♣ Q 5 4

♠ 10 5 3

♥ 9 4

♦ 10 9 5 2

♣ A 9 7 2

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 9 6
♦ Q J 8 3 2
♣ Q 9 7

12
5 14
9

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A K
♣ K 8 6 2



♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ J 5 4

♠ 8
♥ A K Q J 4 3
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A 10 3

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 10 5 3

♥ 10 7 5

♦ Q 8

♣ A 8 6 2

11
10 15
4

♠ Q J 7 2

♥ A K J 9 6

♦ 10 9 2

♣ 4



♠ K 9 8 6

♥ 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ K Q 7 5

♠ 4

♥ Q 8 3 2

♦ J 6 5 4

♣ J 10 9 3

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A
♥ Q 10 9
♦ A 10 9 7 3
♣ Q 10 5 3

1
12 13
14

♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ J 9 8



♠ 5 3
♥ A J 4 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K 7 4 2

♠ K Q J 10 9 8
♥ K 8 5
♦ 5 2
♣ A 6

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 2

2
14 13
11

♠ 4
♥ 9 6 3 2
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 5



♠ K 6 3 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 10 8
♣ K J 7 6

♠ A J 10 7
♥ J 7
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ A 8 3