

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

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

16
 4 12
 8

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A K J 9 8 3

♥ 7

♦ A K J 3

♣ 7 5

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q 7 4

♥ 9 6 5 2

♦ Q 5

♣ A 8 6 3

North

Dbl

2 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

2 ♣

4 ♠

EAST's 1

1TM

opening is passed around to NORTH. He is

tempted to overcall 1TM, but with 18 points is a little strong for a mere overcall.

Instead, he doubles.

With 8 points SOUTH is not strong enough to jump. She bids 2TM.

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

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

SOUTH raises to 4TM.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 10 7 4 2

11
O 11
18

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 8 7
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 9 6 3



♠ A J 9
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q 7 4
♣ A Q 8 5

North

2 ♣

3 NT

♠ K Q 6 5 4 2
♥ J 2
♦ K J 10 5
♣ J

East

1 ♠

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♦

Pass

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 2TM£ (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 TM stopper

since SOUTH promised he had the suit controlled.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 3
♥ A 9
♦ K 10 5 4
♣ A 9 7 5

20
13 5
2

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

♠ A 8 6
♥ K Q J
♦ A J 9 7
♣ K Q 4

W N E
S

♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ 8 6
♣ J 8 6

♠ K 9 4
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 10 3 2

NORTH has 20 points, excellent

1TM

stoppers and a balanced hand.

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

SOUTH has an awful hand - but since he is forced to bid he says 1TM, assuming NORTH wants

to hear his best suit.

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

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

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

10
 0 11
 19

♠ K J 6 2
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ A Q 3
 ♣ 9 8 7 4



♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ A Q 10
 ♦ K J 7 5
 ♣ A K 6

♠ A 9 5 3
 ♥ K J 8 7 4
 ♦ 8
 ♣ Q J 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Dbl
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

SOUTH 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)

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

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

go ahead and bid 3 NT instead.

Deal 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7

♥ K Q 9 3 2

♦ A 9 8 4

♣ Q 8

12

11 4

13

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 10 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ Q 10

♣ A 9 7 4



♠ K J 4 2

♥ A 8 5

♦ K J 3 2

♣ J 2

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass

With a 5-card ♠ suit and 13 points NORTH should overcall 1♠.

SOUTH has 13 points and four ♠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♠.

NORTH has better than a minimum overcall so she accepts the invitation and bids 4♠.

Deal 6

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7

♥ A 2

♦ K Q 10 4 3

♣ 10 4 2

13

13 3

11

West

1 ♦

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K J 6 4

♥ J 10 7 5

♦ 6

♣ A K J 3



♠ Q 3

♥ K Q 9 8 6 4

♦ A 5 2

♣ 9 5

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

NORTH has a very minimum Takeout Double of 1

 \hat{a}^{TM}_1

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in strength, it makes up for with perfect distribution.

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

 \hat{a}^{TM}_Y

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NORTH passes happily.