

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 7 5
♥ 4 3 2
♦ Q 9 6 4
♣ 9 8 4

9
2 15
14

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ K J 8 3
♥ Q 7 5
♦ 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2



♠ A Q 6 4
♥ 8
♦ A 10 8 2
♣ A 10 7 3

North

2 ♠

Pass

♠ 9 2
♥ A K J 10 9 6
♦ K J 5
♣ Q J

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

Dbl

4 ♠

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

This is almost the hand you held in Deal 4 - just 3 points stronger in ♦s. So you double, and again partner jumps to 2 ♠. What do you bid?

That extra 3 points makes all the difference. With that singleton ♥ your hand is now worth at least 16 points. Add partner's 9, T or 11 and you are at game level. Bid 4 ♠.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 5

♥ A J 7 3

♦ 9 6 3

♣ K 7

♠ 3

♥ 10 8 6 5 2

♦ 10 2

♣ J 10 6 4 3



♠ A 7 4 2

♥ 9

♦ K Q J 8 5 4

♣ Q 2

♠ J 10 8 6

♥ K Q 4

♦ A 7

♣ A 9 8 5

13
1 12
14

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♦

1 ♦

Dbl

Pass

4 ♠

3 ♦

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by South

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You'd really like to have 4-card support for both Majors when you double a Minor. But it's not a requirement. So you double and hear partner respond 2 ♦. East then chips in with 3 ♦. What now?

Don't let East's bid bother you, he's just trying to push the envelope. You have a good hand and partner's bid shows 12+ points and is forcing to game. Now you have to find the right game, and the best way to start is by showing a 4-card Major suit. You bid 3 ♠.

That was what partner needed to hear, he bids 4 ♠.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J
 ♥ 8 6 5
 ♦ K Q J 7 6
 ♣ 10 8 4 2

9
 7 11
 13

West

Pass

Pass

1 NT by North

♠ A Q 8 6

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 9 8 3

♣ K 7 5

N
 W E
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♠ 9 5

♥ K Q 10 3

♦ A 10 5 4

♣ A 9 6

North

1 NT

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

Dbl

Pass

♠ K 10 7 4 3 2

♥ A J 9

♦ 2

♣ Q J 3

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

The minimum requirements for a Takeout Double are 12 points, no more than two of Opener's suit, and at least 3-cards in the other suits. You just squeak by so you double. Partner says 1 NT and it is your bid again.

With no suit fit you can't even count a point for your doubleton so you have just 13 HCP. Partner's bid shows 8-T so you waste no time in passing. Don't worry about the ♠s, partner says he has them covered.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ K Q 10 3
♦ A J 10 5
♣ A K 6

♠ K J 10 7 4 2
♥ A J 9
♦ K 9 7
♣ 3



♠ 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ 6 4 2
♣ J 10 9 8 4 2

17
12 1
10

♠ A Q 8 6
♥ 7 4 2
♦ Q 8 3
♣ Q 7 5

<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 South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner is showing you 8-10 points and no 4-card ♥ suit.

With no Major fit you are happy to play in notrump, knowing partner can stop their suit. Partner's 8-10 points added to your 17 is a probable game so you bid 3 NT.