

Deal 1

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 2

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, ♠ shortage, and support for the other suits WEST makes a Takeout Double.

EAST has 13 points so she bids 2♠. This is an artificial bid, apprising WEST of EAST's opening

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

WEST suggests

2♠

s as trumps.

EAST doesn't like

2♠

s so she suggests 2♠ s.

WEST agrees with 2♠ s and bids game, 4♠.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

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

8
12 4
16

♠ Q 7 4
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A 8 6 3



♠ A K J 9 8 3
♥ 7
♦ A K J 3
♣ 7 5

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

NORTH raises to 4TM.

WEST's 1

1TM

opening is passed around to SOUTH. He is

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

Instead, he doubles.

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

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

he shows a good suit and 17+ points.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 9
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q 7 4
♣ A Q 8 5

0
18 11
11

♠ 10 3
♥ 10 5 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 10 7 4 2



♠ K Q 6 5 4 2
♥ J 2
♦ K J 10 5
♣ J

♠ 8 7
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 9 6 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by West			

WEST 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.

EAST bids 2^{â™™}£ (Stayman), just as she would with a 1 NT opening. When WEST denies holding

a 4-card Major EAST has enough points to bid 3 NT. She doesn't worry about a ^{â™™} stopper

since WEST promised he had the suit controlled.