

Deal 1
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

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o 13
18

West North East South
Pass 1 NT Pass Dbl
Pass Pass Pass
3 NT by North

♠ J 7 6
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A J 9 4
♣ K 10 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

SOUTH has 18 points, a doubleton in the opponent's suit, and at least three cards in the unbid suits.

This is an ideal hand for a Takeout Double.

NORTH has good strength in EAST's

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suit, probably two stoppers.

He has 9 points and no 4-card suit of his own. This is the type of hand to respond 1 NT.

SOUTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

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s are covered,

so she bids 3 NT.

Deal 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A K 9 6 4 ♥ Q 5 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ J 10 7	♠ J 10 7 3 2 ♥ 7 6 ♦ 10 9 8 5 3 ♣ 4
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	♠ Q 8 ♥ A J 9 2 ♦ A J 6 ♣ Q 9 8 3
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♠ 5 ♥ K 10 8 4 3 ♦ Q 2 ♣ A K 6 5 2	¹ 13 14 ¹²
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West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by East			

suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3 NT.

WEST has an opening hand, 14 points and five ♠'s. But SOUTH beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1♦.

EAST also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for ♠'s, but she has an

excellent stopper in

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s.

She jumps to 2 NT, inviting WEST to bid game.

Since WEST has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card ♠

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

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♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6



♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a Takeout Double of 1 \hat{a} TM.

With 14 points of his own, NORTH knows his side needs to be in a game somewhere. He passes this information to SOUTH with a cue-bid of 2 \hat{a} TM.

SOUTH gets the message and starts the hunt for a trump fit by bidding 3

\hat{a} TMY

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makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

\hat{a} TMY

Deal 4

South Deals	♠ 10 8 3		
None Vul	♥ 9 4		
	♦ 10 9 6 4		
	♣ K J 5 3		
♠ A Q J 6 4 2	♠ K 7 5		
♥ A 7	♥ 8 5 2		
♦ J 7 2	♦ K Q 3		
♣ A 8	♣ 9 7 6 2		
	♠ 9		
16 4 12 8	♥ K Q J 10 6 3		
	♦ A 8 5		
	♣ Q 10 4		
West	North	East	South
Dbl	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by West			1 ♥

There is only one reason that WEST should not overcall with 1â™. He is too strong.

The maximum strength of an overcall is 16 points. Above that you should double.

So WEST doubles, and after EAST bids 2â™£, WEST bids 2â™. This shows an overcall

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

EAST has fine trump support and 8 points so she bids a confident 4â™.

Deal 5
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 10
 ♥ Q J 8 2
 ♦ A J 8 3
 ♣ 5 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 2
 ♥ A K 4 3
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ K Q 8 2

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

NORTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

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SOUTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

NORTH now cue-bids

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to show opening hand strength.

SOUTH shows his

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suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

NORTH shows her â™ suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

SOUTH shows his â™£ suit, NORTH likes it fine, but decides 3 NT will be easier than 5â™£.

Deal 6East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
 ♥ K 10 8 4
 ♦ Q 10 9 3
 ♣ A J 8 3

6
 10 11
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West

Pass
 1 ♣ by East

♠ 9 6
 ♥ Q 6 5
 ♦ J 7 5 4
 ♣ K 10 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 5 3 2
 ♥ J 9 2
 ♦ K 2
 ♣ Q 7 4

♠ A J 10 7 4
 ♥ A 7 3
 ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ 9 5

1 ♠

North

East

South
Pass

SOUTH would have had a great opening 1♦ bid. But when EAST opened 1♦

in front of him he was hornswaggled. He couldn't bid any other suit, he couldn't bid 1 NT

and he sure couldn't bid ♠ s. So he must pass.

And so does everybody else pass.

Deal 7 ♠ J 7 6
South Deals ♥ 10 5 2
Both Vul ♦ A J 9 4
 ♣ K 10 2

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

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o 13
18

N
W E
S

♠ K Q
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 5

♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

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Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 9 3

♥ J 10 5 3

♦ Q 5

♣ A K 8 6

♠ 5 4 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ 7 5 3 2

W N E S

♠ K Q J 10 6

♥ A 6 4

♦ J 10 4

♣ 10 9

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15♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

Deal 10 ♠ 10 8 3
East Deals ♥ 9 4
Both Vul ♦ 10 9 6 4
 ♣ K J 5 3

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

 ♠ 9
 16 4 8 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3
 12 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ Q 10 4

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K Q 5

♣ A J 7 6

♠ A 10

♥ Q J 8 2

♦ A J 8 3

♣ 5 4 3

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W E
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♠ 7 6 5 4

♥ 10 9 5

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ 10 9

♠ Q J 2

♥ A K 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 8 2

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 6
♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 6 2

♠ 8
♥ K 10 8 4
♦ Q 10 9 3
♣ A J 8 3

6
10 11
13

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 5 3 2
♥ J 9 2
♦ K 2
♣ Q 7 4

♠ A J 10 7 4
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 8 6
♣ 9 5

Deal 13

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

9
o 13
18

N
W S E

♠ J 7 6
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A J 9 4
♣ K 10 2

♠ K Q
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 5

♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

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Deal 15

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6

♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2



♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

♦ 14
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Deal 16 ♠ 10 8 3
West Deals ♥ 9 4
E-W Vul ♦ 10 9 6 4
 ♣ K J 5 3

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

 ♠ 9
 16 4 8 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3
 12 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ Q 10 4

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K Q 5

♣ A J 7 6

♠ A 10

♥ Q J 8 2

♦ A J 8 3

♣ 5 4 3

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♠ 7 6 5 4

♥ 10 9 5

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ 10 9

♠ Q J 2

♥ A K 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 8 2

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 6
♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 6 2

♠ 8
♥ K 10 8 4
♦ Q 10 9 3
♣ A J 8 3

6
10 11
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♠ K Q 5 3 2
♥ J 9 2
♦ K 2
♣ Q 7 4

♠ A J 10 7 4
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 8 6
♣ 9 5

Deal 19

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

9
o 13
18

♠ J 7 6
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A J 9 4
♣ K 10 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

Deal 20 ♠ J 10 7 3 2

West Deals ♥ 7 6

Both Vul ♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 5

13 14 ♥ K 10 8 4 3

12 ♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

Deal 21

North Deals	♠ A 9 3
N-S Vul	♥ J 10 5 3
	♦ Q 5
	♣ A K 8 6
♠ 5 4 2	♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ 8 2	♥ A 6 4
♦ 9 7 6 2	♦ J 10 4
♣ 7 5 3 2	♣ 10 9
	♠ 8 7
♦ 14 11 15	♥ K Q 9 7
	♦ A K 8 3
	♣ Q J 4



Deal 22 ♠ 10 8 3
East Deals ♥ 9 4
E-W Vul ♦ 10 9 6 4
 ♣ K J 5 3

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

 ♠ 9
 16 4 8 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3
 12 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ Q 10 4

Deal 23

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K Q 5

♣ A J 7 6

♠ A 10

♥ Q J 8 2

♦ A J 8 3

♣ 5 4 3

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♠ 7 6 5 4

♥ 10 9 5

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ 10 9

♠ Q J 2

♥ A K 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 8 2

Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6
♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 6 2

♠ 8
♥ K 10 8 4
♦ Q 10 9 3
♣ A J 8 3

6
10 11
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W E
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♠ K Q 5 3 2
♥ J 9 2
♦ K 2
♣ Q 7 4

♠ A J 10 7 4
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 8 6
♣ 9 5

Deal 25

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 7 6

♥ 10 5 2

♦ A J 9 4

♣ K 10 2

♠ 8 5 3 2

♥ 8 6 3

♦ 7 5 2

♣ 9 8 7

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W E
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♠ K Q

♥ A 9 4

♦ K 10 8 3

♣ J 6 5 3

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18♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

Deal 26 ♠ J 10 7 3 2

East Deals ♥ 7 6

Both Vul ♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

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♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 3

♥ J 10 5 3

♦ Q 5

♣ A K 8 6

♠ 5 4 2

♥ 8 2

♦ 9 7 6 2

♣ 7 5 3 2



♠ K Q J 10 6

♥ A 6 4

♦ J 10 4

♣ 10 9

♠ 8 7

♥ K Q 9 7

♦ A K 8 3

♣ Q J 4

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Deal 28

West Deals	♠ 10 8 3
N-S Vul	♥ 9 4
	♦ 10 9 6 4
	♣ K J 5 3
♠ A Q J 6 4 2	♠ K 7 5
♥ A 7	♥ 8 5 2
♦ J 7 2	♦ K Q 3
♣ A 8	♣ 9 7 6 2
16 4 12 8	♠ 9
	♥ K Q J 10 6 3
	♦ A 8 5
	♣ Q 10 4

N
W E
S

Deal 29 ♠ K 9 8 3

North Deals ♥ 7 6

Both Vul ♦ K Q 5

♣ A J 7 6

♠ A 10

♥ Q J 8 2

♦ A J 8 3

♣ 5 4 3

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12 **0**
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W E
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♠ 7 6 5 4

♥ 10 9 5

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ 10 9

♠ Q J 2

♥ A K 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 8 2

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6
♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 6 2

♠ 8
♥ K 10 8 4
♦ Q 10 9 3
♣ A J 8 3

6
10 11
13

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 5 3 2
♥ J 9 2
♦ K 2
♣ Q 7 4

♠ A J 10 7 4
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 8 6
♣ 9 5

Deal 31

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7

9
o 13
18

♠ J 7 6
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A J 9 4
♣ K 10 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ A 10 9 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q 4

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 10 7 3 2

♥ 7 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 3

♣ 4

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J 10 7



♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ 5

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♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 6 5 2

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A K 8 6

♠ 5 4 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

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W E
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♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ A 6 4
♦ J 10 4
♣ 10 9

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

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Deal 34 ♠ 10 8 3
East Deals ♥ 9 4
N-S Vul ♦ 10 9 6 4
 ♣ K J 5 3

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

16 4 8 ♠ 9
12 ♥ K Q J 10 6 3
 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ Q 10 4



Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ 7 6

♦ K Q 5

♣ A J 7 6

♠ A 10

♥ Q J 8 2

♦ A J 8 3

♣ 5 4 3

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N
W E
S

♠ 7 6 5 4

♥ 10 9 5

♦ 10 9 6 2

♣ 10 9

♠ Q J 2

♥ A K 4 3

♦ 7 4

♣ K Q 8 2

Deal 36West Deals
Both Vul

♠ 9 6
♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 6 2

♠ 8
♥ K 10 8 4
♦ Q 10 9 3
♣ A J 8 3

6
10 11
13

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 5 3 2
♥ J 9 2
♦ K 2
♣ Q 7 4

♠ A J 10 7 4
♥ A 7 3
♦ A 8 6
♣ 9 5