

Module 10 - Takeout Doubles

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

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

NS 2♠; EW 2♥; NS 1N; EW 1♦; NS 1♣;
Par +100: EW 3♥x-1

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Dbl	Pass
2♥	All pass		

East has a perfect takeout double - with support for all the unbid suits. West has a poor hand but must bid, so they bid the best of their other suits at the lowest possible level with 2♥. NS may compete to 2♠ and EW may further compete to 3♥.

Lead is ♠ A against West's ♥ contract or if North plays in ♠s, East should lead ♦ A.

Board 2

East Deals
N-S Vul

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

NS 4♣; EW 2♥; EW 2♦; Par +130: NS 4♣=

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Dbl
1♠	2♣	2♦	3♣
All pass			

South has opening hand values and support for all the unbid suits, so they make a takeout double. Over West's 1♠, North **does not have to** bid but, having good values, they make a **free bid** of 2♣. East can bid their second suit but South should compete with 3♣.

East leads ♠ 9 against a ♣ contract by North.

Board 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

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

EW 4N; EW 5♦; EW 3♠; E 3♥; W 2♥; EW 2♣;
Par -630: EW 3N+1

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Dbl	Pass	3NT	All pass

East, knowing that West has an opening hand, and enough HCP for game. With excellent ♣ stops they choose 3NT.

South leads: ♣ 3 and North plays the ♣ K.

Declarer should win ♣ A and play ♣ J to set up the ♣ 10 for the 9th trick.

Board 4

West Deals
Both Vul

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

NS 3♠; EW 2♦; EW 1♥; NS 1♣; Par +140: NS 2♠+1

West	North	East	South
1♦	Dbl	1♥	2♠
All pass			

With 5 ♠s and 9 HCP, South has enough to invite game opposite their partner's takeout double, so they bid a jump to 2♠. North has a minimum and declines the invitation.

West leads: ♥ Q

Declarer draws trumps finessing ♠ K and then plays West for ♣ Q - by playing the ♣ K first and then leading towards the ♣ AJ6 in dummy and finessing.

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Board 5

North Deals
N-S Vul

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

EW 4♠; EW 4♥; EW 4♣; NS 1♦;
Par -420: EW 4♥=; EW 4♠=

West	North	East	South
2 ♠	1 ♦	Dbl	Pass
	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

West responds to the takeout double with an invitational jump to 2 ♠ showing 9-12 HCP. With 16 HCP East has enough to bid game.

North should start with ♦ A, ♦ K and then switch.

Declarer draws trumps, then forces out ♥ A to make 10 tricks for the contract.

Board 6

East Deals
E-W Vul

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

NS 2N; NS 2♥; NS 2♦; NS 2♣; NS 1♠;
Par +120: NS 1N+1

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	1 ♠	Dbl
		All pass	

North's best suit is the opponent's ♠ suit so they should bid 1 NT to show 6-10 HCP with a stopper.

Lead is ♠ J.

Once Declarer gains the lead they should play on ♣s and later take a ♥ finesse.

Declarer knows most of the HCP are in the East hand from their opening bid, so it is a good chance to play them for ♣ A and ♥ K.

Board 7

South Deals
Both Vul

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

EW 3♥; EW 3♦; NS 1♠; EW 1♣;
Par -140: EW 2♥+1

West	North	East	South
Dbl	2 ♠	3 ♥	1 ♠
		All pass	

This should be a competitive auction with NS bidding ♠s and EW bidding ♥s. North and South do not compete further to 3 ♠ as they both have minimum hands for their opening and response. South leads ♠ 2 against East's 3 ♥ contract. NS can make 7 tricks in ♠ while EW can make 9 tricks in ♥s.

Board 8

West Deals
None Vul

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

NS 3♥; EW 1♣; Par +140: NS 2♥+1

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Dbl	1 ♦	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♥	All pass	

In response to North's takeout double, while South only has 7 HCP, they have responding values and can make a free bid of 1 ♥ after Responder's 1 ♦. Over West's second suit bid of 1 ♠, North competes to 2 ♥ with a fit.

West leads high-low doubleton in partner's suit, starting with the ♦ K.

South should draw three rounds of trumps and then set up ♠s; playing ♠ K first to avoid blocking the suit.