

Beginners' Lesson 10: Takeout Double

Board 9
North Deals
None Vul

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

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

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

East has a perfect takeout double - support for all unbid suits. West has a poor hand so bids hearts at the lowest possible level.

Lead is ♣ 4 against a spade contract and ♠ A against a heart contract.

Play the hand twice: once in 2 ♥ by West then in 2 ♠ by North

Board 10
East Deals
N-S Vul

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

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

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

South has an opening hand and tolerance for the unbid suits. North is strong enough to make a free bid, but not strong enough to bid game. North can bid 2 ♣ or 1 NT to show they have values. EW can now bid diamonds to show at least 5 hearts and 4 diamonds.

Lead is ♦ A against clubs and ♣ 7 against a heart contract.

Board 11
South Deals
E-W Vul

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

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

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

East, knowing that West has an opening hand, can bid 3 NT with an excellent club stop and enough HCP for game..

Lead is ♣ 6 and North plays the King.

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

Board 12
West Deals
Both Vul

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

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

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

With 6 spades and 8 HCP, South has enough to invite game, so bids 2 ♠. North is minimum and declines the invitation.

Lead is ♦ 4 from the longest and strongest suit.

Declarer draws trumps and plays West, the opener, for the ♣ Q.

Therefore play the ♣ K then ♣ 10 and let it run if West does not cover with the ♣ Q.

Board 13
North Deals
N-S Vul

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

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

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

West, with 10+ points, jumps to 2 ♠.

East passes.

Lead is ♦ A.

Declarer should draw trumps first They make 9 tricks by losing ♥ A, ♠ A, ♦ AK.

Board 14
East Deals
E-W Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	All pass	Dbl

North's best suit is the opponent's spade suit so should bid 1 NT to show 6-9 HCP and a hold in spades.

Lead is ♠ 8.

Firstly, Declarer should play on clubs and later take a heart finesse.

Board 15
South Deals
Both Vul

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

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

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

This should be a competitive auction. NS bidding spades and EW bidding hearts.

Play the hand twice in spades and hearts. Both contracts should make 9 tricks.

Lead is ♥ K against spades and the a low spade against a heart contract.

Board 16
West Deals
None Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Dbl	1 NT	2 ♥
All pass			

Lead: ♣ 7

North's double promises support for all the unbid suits and an opening hand.

South, who would have bid 2 ♥ over partner's opening 1 ♥ bid, should therefore bid 2 ♥.

South should draw 3 rounds of trumps and set up spades remembering to play ♠ K first, to avoid being blocked.