

Practise making a Takeout Double

NG34Bridge

Choose your next bid

Hand: 1 Dealer: East Vul: None West North East South 1♦ ?	South ♠ K J 7 6 ♥ A 8 7 6 ♦ 5 ♣ Q 9 8 5
Hand: 2 Dealer: East Vul: None West North East South 1♥ ?	South ♠ A K 2 ♥ 9 2 ♦ Q 6 5 3 ♣ A K 9 6
Hand: 3 Dealer: East Vul: None West North East South 1♦ ?	South ♠ A K Q J ♥ 9 7 5 2 ♦ 7 2 ♣ K J 4
Hand: 4 Dealer: East Vul: None West North East South 1♠ ?	South ♠ 2 ♥ Q J 7 3 ♦ K Q 7 6 4 ♣ K 9 6
Hand: 5 Dealer: East Vul: None West North East South 1♦ ?	South ♠ A J 7 6 ♥ K Q 4 ♦ 6 ♣ A J 8 6 5
Hand: 6 Dealer: East Vul: None West North East South 1♣ ?	South ♠ K Q 6 5 ♥ 8 3 ♦ J 7 6 2 ♣ A K J
Hand: 7 Dealer: East Vul: None West North East South 1♦ ?	South ♠ A Q J 5 ♥ K J 6 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ K 8 4
Hand: 8 Dealer: East Vul: None West North East South 1♠ ?	South ♠ 5 ♥ J 10 8 5 2 ♦ A K 8 ♣ Q 9 5 3
Hand: 9 Dealer: East Vul: None West North East South 1♠ ?	South ♠ 2 ♥ K J 7 3 ♦ Q J 7 6 4 ♣ A 9 6

Answer: Pass

We would not open with this hand as it does not satisfy the rule of 20. We're not quite strong enough for takeout double.

Answer: Dbl

Although we only have 3 cards in the unbid major, double is still preferable to 2♣.

Answer: Double

A double gives us our best chance at finding an 8 card fit in a major. Do not bid 1♠. Our spades will deliver tricks in a heart contract

Answer: Dbl

Double gives us the best chance of finding a heart fit.

Answer: Dbl

This gives us the best chance of finding a spade fit.

Answer: Pass

This hand is the wrong shape for a takeout double. It also doesn't qualify for any sort of overcall.

Answer: Dbl

We're not quite the perfect shape but OK for a double with 14 HCP and at least three cards in all the unbid suits. If partner bids clubs we must pass.

Answer: Pass

We would not open with this hand (19 on the Rule of 20) so are a little too weak for a takeout double or a 2♥ overcall.

Answer: Dbl

We would open with this hand (20 on the Rule of 20). Double gives us the best chance of finding a heart fit.