

MAGIC 2 HCPs.

Requirements for a Takeout Double:

- a) An opening bid
- b) Shortage in the opponent's opening suit
- c) 4 of the other Major when you double a Major
- d) At least 3 of each Major when you double a Minor

Responses to partner's Takeout Double:

1. With 0-7(8) pts, bid your suit at the lowest level
2. With (8)9,10(11 pts, jump a level in your suit
3. With (12)13+ pts, bid game or cue bid

Also, if your RHO bids over partner's Double, you are off the hook and don't have to bid with a weak hand

West opens 1 heart, North (your partner) doubles, East bids 2 hearts.

You hold: Spades 987432 Hearts 9732 Diamonds Void Clubs Q103

When East bids 2 hearts over the Double, I'm off the hook and don't have to bid with a weak hand. Although it's only 2 HCP, is this really a weak hand? What do we know?

- a) Partner has 4 spades because of his TO Double, so we have a 10 card fit with 1 loser
- b) We have no diamond losers because of our void and long trump
- c) With East supporting hearts, EW must have at least 8 between them, partner can't Have more than a singleton.
- d) Opposite my Q10x of clubs, partner's likely to have high cards because of his TO Double

Probably no more than 1 spade loser, certainly no more than 1 heart loser, definitely no diamond losers, and finally, it's probable that we don't have more than 1 club loser. Despite you 2 HCP, bid 4 spades.

	AQ105	
	8	
	J952	
	AJ52	
K		J6
AK1054		QJ3
AK105		Q8743
K94		1087
	987432	
	9732	
	Void	
	1087	

Good bidding. You lose 1 heart and make 6.

Void OPENER – 1 Heart
KQJ953
J753
A106

Q97632

A6 ????
K2
J72

AK104
87 Double
A1098
Q84

J85
1042
Q64 2 Hearts
K953

Partner's double is a takeout double. What do you bid?

4 DEALER – 1 Heart
AKQJ32
643
KJ3

KQ873

1075 ????
Q97
Q7

AJ96
98 Double
AK5
A942

1052
64 Pass
J1082
10865

Partner's double is a takeout double. What do you bid?

You hold: Q1064 A982 J73 84

North opens 1 diamond and your partner makes a takeout double and your right hand opponent passes, you should bid 1 spade. Looking at your 7 HCP, you have at least half the deck. If you bid 1 heart, and North rebids 2 diamonds, partner passes, right hand opponent passes, now what will you bid? By bidding 1 spade, your non-jump response limited your hand. Only you know you have the values to compete to the two level.
