

After The Takeout Doubler Bids Again

LHO Has Opened, Partner
Makes a Takeout Double, RHO
Passes, I Bid and Partner Bids
Again, Now What Do I Do?

What We'll Talk About

- Last week we considered the kind of hand the takeout doubler will have when she chooses to bid again.
- This week we are looking at what you should do when that happens.

The Takeout Doubler Bids No Trump

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♦	dble	pass	1♥
pass	1nt	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 7 4 2

♥ J 9 7 3

♦ 10 5 3

♣ Q 8 4 3

Your bid: Pass

- Partner has described a hand with 18-21 points.
- Balanced with a diamond stopper.
- No bid you make is forcing.
- Stayman and transfers do not apply.

The Takeout Doubler Bids No Trump

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♦	dbldbl	pass	1♥
pass	1nt	pass	

Your hand:

♠ A 4 2

♥ J 9 7 3

♦ 10 5

♣ 9 8 4 3

Your bid: 2nt

- Partner has described a hand with 18-21 points.
- Balanced with a diamond stopper.
- No bid you make is forcing.
- Stayman and transfers do not apply.
- Invite with 4-6 points

The Takeout Doubler Bids No Trump

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♦	dbld	pass	1♥
pass	1nt	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 4 2

♥ Q 10 9 4 5

♦ 8 5

♣ 9 8 4 3

Your bid: 2♥ weak to play

- Partner has described a hand with 18-21 points.
- Balanced with a diamond stopper.
- No bid you make is forcing.
- Stayman and transfers do not apply.
- Rebid your suit with 5-cards.

The Takeout Doubler Bids No Trump

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♠	dbldbl	pass	2♦
pass	2nt	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 5 4

♥ 9 4

♦ K 8 6 5 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

Your bid: Pass

- Partner has the same hand here: 18-21.
- Balanced with a spade stopper.
- You might be better off in diamonds, but the 3-level is too high with this hand.

The Takeout Doubler Bids No Trump

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♠	dbld	pass	2♦
pass	2nt	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 5 4

♥ 9 4

♦ J 10 8 6 5 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

Your bid: 3♦

- Partner has the same hand here 18-21.
- Balanced with a spade stopper.
- 3♦ is not forcing and suggests you want to play it there.
- If partner bids on, he's on his own.

The Takeout Doubler Bids No Trump

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♠	dbldbl	pass	2♦
pass	2nt	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 5 4

♥ 9 4

♦ K Q J 6 5 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

Your bid: 3nt

- Partner has the same hand here: 18-21.
- Balanced with a spade stopper.
- Bid 3nt with such a good suit.

The Takeout Doubler Bids No Trump

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♠	dbld	pass	2♦
pass	2nt	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 5 4

♥ K 9 4

♦ K Q 6 5 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

Your bid: 3nt

- Partner has the same hand here: 18-21.
- Balanced with a spade stopper.
- Also bid 3nt with 7+ points.

The Takeout Doubler Bids a Suit

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♦	dble	pass	1♥
pass	1♠	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 5 4

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ 6 5 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

Your bid: pass

- When partner makes a takeout double,
- Bids a new suit or
- Raises your suit,
- Without being forced or invited,
- Partner has at least 18+ points.
- When partner bids a new suit, she shows 5+ cards.

The Takeout Doubler Bids a Suit

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♦	dble	pass	1♥
pass	1♠	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 5 4

♥ K 9 4 2

♦ Q 10 5 3

♣ 8 4 3

Your bid: 1nt

- Show partner that you don't particularly like spades, but you have a few points.
- Here, your 1nt shows a few points and a stopper in the opponent's suit. .

The Takeout Doubler Bids a Suit

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♦	dble	pass	1♥
pass	1♠	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 10 5 3

♥ Q J 9 4

♦ 10 5 3 2

♣ A 10

Your bid: 4♠

- Partner has a minimum of 18 points.
- You have 7 and a fit with partner's suit.
- You must bid the game.

When the Takeout Doubler Jumps, it Shows a Huge Hand

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♦	dble	pass	1♥
pass	2♠	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 5 3

♥ J 7 4 2

♦ 5 3 2

♣ 10 7 5 3

Your bid: pass

- Partner has a minimum of 21 or more points.
- You must make a game try, unless you have...

After You Have Shown Some Values, Partner Can Invite Game

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♦	dble	pass	2♥
pass	3♥	pass	

Your hand:

♠ Q 3

♥ A 7 4 2

♦ 4 3 2

♣ K 6 3 2

Your bid: pass

- Your 2 bid shows 9-11 points.
- Partner wants to know if you are closer to 9 or 11.
- You can pass with a minimum 9 but bid game with 11 or a good 10.

After You Have Shown Some Values, Partner Can Invite Game

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♦	dble	pass	2♥
pass	3♥	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 3

♥ A K 7 4 2

♦ 4 3 2

♣ K 6 3 2

Your bid: 4♥

- Your 2 bid shows 9-11 points.
- Here you have a very good 10 points... you should definitely bid on to game.

Okay, What Have You Learned?

A Quick Quiz

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♦	dble	pass	1♥
pass	1nt	pass	

Your hand:

♠ 3

♥ J 9 7 4 3 2

♦ 4 3

♣ 8 6 3 2

Your bid: 2♥

- Partner has a strong hand, 18-20.
- But what is the best contract?
- Surely, the hand will play better in hearts.

Okay, What Have You Learned?

A Quick Quiz

LHO Partner RHO You
1♦ dble pass 1♠
pass 2♥ pass

Your hand:

♠ Q 9 7 3

♥ 2

♦ 4 3 2

♣ Q 6 3 2

Your bid: 2♥

- Again, partner has a strong hand.
- But what is the best contract?
- Best leave well enough alone.

Okay, What Have You Learned?

A Quick Quiz

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1♠	double	pass	1nt
pass	2nt	pass	

Your hand:

♠ Q 10 7 3

♥ A 2

♦ K 3 2

♣ 10 9 3 2

Your bid: 3nt

- Your bid showed 6-10 points.
- Partner wants to know if you are on the high side of that range.
- You are.

Okay, What Have You Learned?

A Quick Quiz

LHO Partner RHO You
1♣ dble pass 1♥
pass 3♥ pass

Your hand:

♠ 3

♥ J 9 7 5 2

♦ 6 3 2

♣ 10 9 3 2

Your bid: 4♥

- Partner is begging you to go on with any scrap of value.
- You don't have much, but your 5th heart and your singleton are scraps enough.
- Bid the game.

Final Thoughts

- The hands we've been discussing do not come up often.
- You want to be able to handle them when they do.
- Whenever partner bids again after making a takeout double, she has a strong hand.
- You should try to find a game with only a few values.