

# The Takeout Doubler's Rebid

I Made a Takeout Double,  
Partner Bids, Now What Do I  
Do?

# After a Takeout Double

- When you make a takeout double, usually you do not bid again.
- Partner will assume you have 12 to 17 points and support for the unbid suits, and bid accordingly.
- You have described your hand, any more bidding is up to partner.
- There are only two situations in which you might bid again:
  - You have a big hand 18+ points.
  - Partner has shown extra values.

# Consider This Hand

East

♠ K 9 4 2

♥ A J 3 2

♦ 10 5

♣ K Q 6

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 1♠

2♦ 2♠

- East's spade bid is incorrect.
- If you asked east why he chose to bid, he might say, "I wanted to show support for partner's bid."
- But east had already shown support for spades when he made the takeout double.

# Here's a Situation Where You Should Bid Again

East

♠ A K J 9 4 2

♥ A 2

♦ 10 5

♣ A Q 6

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 1♥

pass 1♠

- Here east's spade bid is correct.
- East has 18 points and a strong suit.
- Both are the necessary requirements for a new suit bid after making a takeout double.
- Note: east did not need to jump.

# West's Responsibility

West

♠ Q 7 6

♥ K J 8 3

♦ 10 5

♣ J 8 6 4

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 1♥

pass 1♠ pass 4♠

- West has only 7 points, but knows their side should be in game.
- He knows east has a big hand.
- East's 1 spade bid is not forcing.
- West can pass if her hand is really weak.

# The Same Idea Applies When the Doubler Can Support Advancer's Suit

East

♠ A J 7 6

♥ A Q J 8

♦ 10 5

♣ A K 8

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 1♥

pass 2♥

- East's support of west's bid shows 18+ points.
- Again, east's bid is not forcing, west is strongly encouraged to bid, but may pass.

# When the Advancer Bids No Trump

East

♠ A J 10 6

♥ A Q 9 8

♦ 10 5

♣ A J 8

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 1nt

pass 2nt

- West's 1nt shows 6-10 points with a diamond stopper.
- East's no trump raise is invitational.
- It asks the advancer to bid game with a max for his bid (9 or 10 points, otherwise pass).

# When the Advancer Bids No Trump

East

♠ A K J 10

♥ A Q 9 8

♦ 10 5

♣ A Q 8

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 1nt

pass 3nt

- With a bigger hand, east just bids the game.
- East has 20 points and knows they should be in game, even if west has only 6 points.

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# When the Doubler Bids No Trump

East

♠ Q J 10

♥ A Q 9 8

♦ A J 10

♣ K Q 8

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 1♠

pass 1nt

- Most pairs play a 1 no trump overcall shows 15-17 points with a stopper.
- What if you have 18+ points?
- You make a takeout double and bid no trump.
- You don't need to jump to show a bid hand.

# When the Advancer Shows Values

North East South West  
1♦ dble pass 2♠  
(shows 9-11 points)

North East South West  
1♦ dble pass 2nt  
(shows 11-12 points and a  
stopper in the opponent's  
suit)

- When the advancer shows values, as in these sequences, you don't need the big hand to bid again.
- You will bid, or pass, according to the values shown by the advancer. .

# When the Advancer Shows Values

East

♠ K10 7 3

♥ A 10 9 8

♦ 10 7

♣ K Q 8

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 2♠

pass pass

- Here you have 13 points.
- Partner has show 9-11.
- Game is unlikely .
- Best pass.

# When the Advancer Shows Values

East

♠ A J 10 3

♥ A 10 9 8

♦ 10 7

♣ A J 8

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 2♠

pass 3♠

- Here you have 15 points.
- Partner has show 9-11.
- Game is possible .
- Raise partner to the 3 level to invite partner to bid game.
- Partner should
  - Pass with 9 points
  - Make a judgement with 10
  - Bid game with 11

# When the Advancer Shows Values

East

♠ A K 10 3

♥ A J 10 9

♦ 10 7

♣ A 10 8

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 2♠

pass 4♠

- Here you have 17 points.
- Partner has show 9-11.
- Game is possible .
- Raise partner to game.

# When the Advancer Shows Values

East

♠ K 10 5 3

♥ A 10 9 2

♦

♣ A J 10 8 5

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 2♠

pass 4♠

- Remember to use some judgment.
- This hand has only 12 high-card points.
- The void in diamonds and the quality 5-card side suit makes in much better than it counts.

# A Short Quiz

- I will show you a hand and the auction.
- Tell me what the takeout doubler's rebid should be.

# Quiz No. 1

East

♠ K J 10 3

♥ A Q 9

♦ 7 4

♣ A J 10 3

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 1♥

2♦

- The takeout doubler's rebid?

Pass: You have no bid coming.



# Quiz No. 2

East

♠ A K 10 3

♥ A Q 9 7

♦ 7 4

♣ A J 10

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 1♥

2♦

- The takeout doubler's rebid?

2♥ : You have 19 points. You want to encourage partner to bid if she has 5-8 points..

# Quiz No. 3

East

♠ A K 10 3

♥ A K 10 7

♦ 7 4

♣ A Q 10

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 1♥

2♦

- The takeout doubler's rebid?

3♥ : You have 21 points. You want to encourage partner to bid if she has as much as a king. ..

# Quiz No. 3

East

♠ A K J 10 8 3

♥ A 10 7

♦ 7 4

♣ A Q

North East South West

1♦ dble pass 1♥

2♦

- The takeout doubler's rebid?

2♠ : You have 18 points. You want to encourage partner to bid if she has 5+ points and a couple spades. . . .

# Final Thoughts

- When you or your partner makes a takeout double, youi each have a responsibility.
- You must bid when it is right to bid and pass when it is right to leave the decision up to partner.
- And, of course, you must know the difference between those situations.