

## The Takeout Double

**They say that a man takes twice as long to get to his destination because he refuses to ASK for directions.**

You hold the following hand and RHO opens 1♦ - **AQ9xx, KQxx, -, Jxxx**. **What do you bid?** Partner can have –

- Kx, Jxxxx, Jxxxxx, -                    4♥ has a chance to make (combined 17 points!)
- K, xxx, QJ10xxx, xxx                    1NT best, but 1Dx goes -2!
- x, J9xxx, Qxxx, KQx                    4♥ makes here
- x, xx, Jxxx, AKxxxx                    6♣ has a chance here
- xxx, xxx, Qxxx, xxx                    1♥/1♣ is the limit

**Consult partner – ASK for directions – make a takeout double!**

Rules for making a takeout double:

1. **You must be short in suit doubled** (except a balanced 13+ after 1♣)
2. You must have **support for the other 3 suits**. If you have a singleton or doubleton somewhere, you cannot double (unless you are 18+)
3. **Minimum 10 points is enough!** Remember you will be dummy, so your shortage can be revalued before-hand! Axxx, Axxx, x, Qxxx

**RHO opens 1♥. What do you say with –**

<b>1</b> ♠ AJ105 ♥ 95 ♦ AQ73 ♣ 1063 Dir: N Vul:	<b>2</b> ♠ AQ ♥ 106 ♦ J982 ♣ A10843 Dir: E Vul: N-S	<b>3</b> ♠ A42 ♥ ♦ A98 ♣ AQ108732 Dir: S Vul: E-W	<b>4</b> ♠ J10 ♥ K102 ♦ QJ93 ♣ A743 Dir: W Vul: Both
<b>5</b> ♠ A4 ♥ 1052 ♦ AKJ7 ♣ Q1085 Dir: N Vul: N-S	<b>6</b> ♠ QJ1052 ♥ K1065 ♦ A2 ♣ AQ Dir: E Vul: E-W	<b>7</b> ♠ Q107 ♥ K1053 ♦ AJ972 ♣ Q Dir: S Vul: Both	<b>8</b> ♠ AQ6 ♥ K9 ♦ Q104 ♣ A10765 Dir: W Vul:

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## Lesson 3

<b>1</b> ♠ Q6 ♥ K632 ♦ K82 ♣ AQ74 Dir: N Vul: None  ♠ 8742    ♠ K93 ♥ T8        ♥ AQJ74 ♦ JT94     ♦ 65 ♣ 852       ♣ KJ9  14    ♠ AJT5    ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT ♥ 95        N 4 3 2 2 2 1 14    ♥ AQ73    S 3 2 1 2 2 ♦ T63    E - - - - - 11       ♣ - - - - - W - - - - -	<b>2</b> ♠ T752 ♥ 52 ♦ AQT4 ♣ 652 Dir: E Vul: N-S  ♠ J864    ♠ K93 ♥ K983    ♥ AQJ74 ♦ K73     ♦ 65 ♣ Q7       ♣ KJ9  6    ♠ AQ    ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT ♥ T6        N 3 3 - - 1 9 14    ♥ J982    S 3 3 - - 1 11       ♣ AT843    E - - 1 1 - W - - 1 1 -	<b>3</b> ♠ Q87 ♥ T653 ♦ KT74 ♣ 54 Dir: S Vul: E-W  ♠ JT65    ♠ K93 ♥ K982    ♥ AQJ74 ♦ QJ32    ♦ 65 ♣ 6        ♣ KJ9  5    ♠ A42    ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT ♥ 7 14    ♥ A98     N 3 2 - 1 - 14       ♣ AQT8732    S 3 1 - - - ♣ - - - 3 - - W - - 3 - -	<b>4</b> ♠ Q75 ♥ 653 ♦ AT8 ♣ QT52 Dir: W Vul: Both  ♠ A8642    ♠ K93 ♥ 98        ♥ AQJ74 ♦ K742     ♦ 65 ♣ 86        ♣ KJ9  8    ♠ JT    ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT ♥ KT2       N 1 - - - - 7 14    ♥ QJ93    S 1 - - - - 11       ♣ A743    E - 1 1 2 1 W - 1 1 2 1
<b>5</b> ♠ QT6 ♥ K9863 ♦ 8432 ♣ 6 Dir: N Vul: N-S  ♠ J8752    ♠ K93 ♥        ♥ AQJ74 ♦ QT9     ♦ 65 ♣ A7432    ♣ KJ9  5    ♠ A4    ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT ♥ T52       N - 2 1 - - 7 14    ♥ AKJ7    S - 2 1 - - 14       ♣ QT85    E 1 - - 2 1 W 1 - - 2 1	<b>6</b> ♠ 876 ♥ 32 ♦ KJ73 ♣ 7653 Dir: E Vul: E-W  ♠ A4    ♠ K93 ♥ 98     ♥ AQJ74 ♦ QT984    ♦ 65 ♣ T842     ♣ KJ9  4    ♠ QJT52    ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT ♥ KT65       N - 1 - 2 2 6 14    ♥ A2        S - 1 - 2 2 16       ♣ AQ        E 1 - - 1 - W - - 1 - -	<b>7</b> ♠ 852 ♥ 9 ♦ QT8 ♣ AT7642 Dir: S Vul: Both  ♠ AJ64    ♠ K93 ♥ 862     ♥ AQJ74 ♦ K43     ♦ 65 ♣ 853     ♣ KJ9  6    ♠ QT7    ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT ♥ KT53       N - - - - - 8 14    ♥ AJ972    S - - - - - 12       ♣ Q        E 1 - 3 2 2 W 1 - 3 2 2	<b>8</b> ♠ 8754 ♥ T65 ♦ AKJ98 ♣ 2 Dir: W Vul: None  ♠ JT2    ♠ K93 ♥ 832    ♥ AQJ74 ♦ 732    ♦ 65 ♣ Q843    ♣ KJ9  8    ♠ AQ6    ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT ♥ K9        N 2 5 1 4 3 3 14    ♥ QT4     S 2 5 1 4 3 15       ♣ AT765    E - - - - - W - - - - -

Solutions: '1. Dble '2. 2♣ '3. 2♣ '4. P '5. P! '6. 1NT '7. 2♦ '8. 1NT