



Negative double

Responder's double after an Opp's overcall

This X (negative double) promises :

- 4 cards in a non-bid major, or minor suits if both majors have already been bid

S	W	N	E
		1♦	1♠
X			

A♠	10♠	9♠	8♠	A♥	J♥	9♥	7♥	7♣	2♣	9♦	6♦	5♦
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Problem E1571 **DOUBLE** a takeout double for ♥

S	W	N	E
		1♦	2♣
X			

K♠	Q♠	J♠	9♠	K♥	10♥	7♥	4♥	4♣	3♣	7♦	6♦	2♦
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Problem E1574 **DOUBLE** 9HCP and both majors with 4 cards it's the best bid possible !



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Responder's takeout double

Points necessary for a negative double raises the bidding level :

- at the one level, 7-8HCP are sufficient
- at the 2 level, 8-9HCP are necessary
- at the 3 level 9-10HCP obliged minimum

Be careful there's no maximum point requirement for a negative double

5	J	6	3	A	Q	9	8	A	K	8	6	4
♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
		1 ♦	1 ♠
X			

Q	10	8	4	A	K	9	7	7	3	9	5	2
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E5417 **DOUBLE** Text book problem : both majors with 4 cards and 9HCP !

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	1 ♠
X			

7	6	3	8	K	J	9	6	5	A	J	10	7
♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E5143 **DOUBLE** For the minor suits when the 2 majors have been bid, one by Opener and the other by the Overcaller.



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Negative double is often a good defense against preempts

Think and count your points !

S	W	N	E
		1 ♦	3 ♥
X			

Q	J	9	7	4	4	3	A	9	3	K	10	7
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E4725 **DOUBLE** With points to go for Game, after Opp's preempt you can bid a takeout double. (3 ♠ would be Game forcing !)



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The next bidding sequence

A	8	7	6	10	5	4	3	K	5	A	K	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
		1 ♦	1 ♠
X	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
Pass			

5	3	K	J	9	6	A	8	6	4	3	7	2
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E8458 **PASS** After his double, South passes. Opener has shown a 1st zone hand - your team don't have the force for Game.