

1 Heart Openers, Takeout Double in Direct Seat

Board 6	North - 9 - (7)	W	N	E	S	Par: NS 3D+1; +130;
Dir: East	♠ Q95			1♥	X*	Double Dummy Makeable Contracts
Vul: E-W	♥ A8	?	?	?		NT ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
	♦ QJ9854	*takeout				N: 1 1 4 2
	♣ 95					S: 1 1 4 2
West - 5 - (10)	East - 13 - (6)					E: 2
♠ J763	♠ K84					W: 2
♥ 9642	♥ KQJT7					
♦ A62	♦ T					
♣ T8	♣ A642					
	South - 13 - (7)					
	♠ AT2					
	♥ 53					
	♦ K73					
	♣ KQJ73					



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Dealer opens 1 heart.

Left hand opponent (LHO) also has opening points. For an overcall, you start by looking for a good long suit, such as LHO's clubs. However, as overcaller, if you have opening points, fewer than 3 cards in opener's suit, and 3 or more cards in each of the other suits (including at least a jack in each one), then you would like to let partner know that, and let them describe their hand.

This is because your hand might fit nicely with whatever partner's longest suit happens to be. If you just bid a suit, you don't show your opening points and you don't fully describe your hand. The takeout double helps you communicate better.

In this hand, advancer would bid their diamonds in response to the takeout double, and the pair will find their best suit.