

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q T 4
♥ 5
♦ Q T 9
♣ K J T 7 6

♠ 5 3
♥ A K T 8 4
♦ K 6 3
♣ A 5 4

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 9 8 2
♥ J 6 2
♦ J 8 7 2
♣ Q 8 3

♠ A J 7 6
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ A 5 4
♣ 9 2

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|------|-------|----------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| 1♣ | 1♥ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

4♥ by North

Baker Overcalls 9

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

Nice hand. But not nice enough to double, then bid your ♥s. So you overcall 1♥. Partner says 3♥. It is your bid.

The jump raise promises 11-14 points. Your 17 plus partner's 11 or so takes you right up to game. You bid 4♥.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 2
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ J 5 2
 ♣ A K J 9 7 2

♠ J T 4

♥ J 9 3

♦ A 8 6 3

♣ 8 5 4

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|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ A K 5
 ♥ K T 5 2
 ♦ T 9 7 4
 ♣ Q 3

♠ Q 9 8 6 3
 ♥ A 7 6 4
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ T 6

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|------|-------|
| | | | 1♠ |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

3 NT by West

Baker Overcalls 10

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner has at least 11 points for his 2-level overcall. He might have as many as 16. You have a perfect invitational hand including two sure stoppers in their suit. So you bid 2NT. Partner raises to 3NT and you get to play it there.

Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 5
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 8 7 6 4 2
♣ 7 6

♠ A 8 3 2

♥ K J T 6

♦ J 9 3

♣ T 8

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♠ J 6 4
♥ Q 9 5
♦ K Q
♣ A J 5 4 2

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 8 4
♦ A T 5
♣ K Q 9 3

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | | 1♣ | 1NT |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

3 NT by South

Baker Overcalls 11

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

This hand would be one point too strong to Open 1NT, but it fits the 15-18 range to Overcall 1NT. Partner responds 2♣. What do you bid?

Don't get your systems crossed. Partner did not make a cue-bid, he is using Stayman. Since you have no 4-card Major suit you answer 2♦. Partner now says 2NT and the ball is in your court.

This is just a plain old 1NT/Stayman sequence. Partner is inviting, and since you have 18 points you accept.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K T 7 5

♥ J 6

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 8 3

♠ 4

♥ T 9 4 3

♦ Q J 4 3

♣ J 7 4 2



♠ Q 8 6 3

♥ A K Q 7

♦ 6 5

♣ K T 6

♠ J 9 2

♥ 8 5 2

♦ A K T 8

♣ A 9 5

West

North

East

South

1♠

Pass

2♦

Pass

2♠

Pass

4♣

All Pass

4 ♠ by East

Baker Overcalls 12

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Wow! Great ♠ support and 15 points. You cue-bid 2♦, forcing partner to bid. He says 2♣. Your turn.

Partner has not made a strong bid and it is possible that T tricks will be too high. But it is pretty likely that game can be made so you bid it. Be bold!