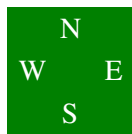


**Board 1**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

♠ Q 8 3 2  
 ♥ 9 8 6 3  
 ♦ T 2  
 ♣ 9 8 5

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



♠ A T 9 4  
 ♥ K Q J 7  
 ♦ Q 6  
 ♣ A Q 4

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

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

3 NT by South

so she bids 3NT.

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 13  
 SOUTH has 18 points, a doubleton in the opponent's suit, and at least three cards in the unbid suits.

This is an ideal hand for a Takeout Double.

NORTH has good strength in EAST's

suit, probably two stoppers.

He has 9 points and no 4-card suit of his own. This is the type of hand to respond 1NT.

SOUTH is happy to play Notrump now that she knows the

s are covered,

**Board 2**

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 9 6 4

♥ Q 5

♦ K 7 4

♣ J T 7

♠ 7 5 3 2

♥ 8 4

♦ T 3 2

♣ 6 5 4 2

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

♠ Q 8

♥ A J 9 2

♦ A J 6

♣ Q 9 8 3

♠ J T

♥ K T 7 6 3

♦ Q 9 8 5

♣ A K

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2NT

1 ♥

3NT

All Pass

Pass

3 NT by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 14

WEST has an opening hand, 14 points and five s.

But SOUTH beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1 .

EAST also has 14 points, she doesn't care too much for but she has an

excellent stopper in

s.

She jumps to 2NT, inviting WEST to bid game.

Since WEST has several points more than he might have had, and no 6-card suit to rebid,

he happily bids 3NT.

**Board 3**  
 East Deals  
 E-W Vul

♠ T 5  
 ♥ 8 6  
 ♦ T 9 7 6 4 2  
 ♣ 7 3 2

|           |  |               |
|-----------|--|---------------|
| ♠ A 9 3   |  | ♠ K Q J 6 4 2 |
| ♥ J T 5 3 |  | ♥ A 4 2       |
| ♦ Q 5     |  | ♦ J           |
| ♣ A K 8 6 |  | ♣ T 9 5       |

|           |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|
| ♠ 8 7     |  |  |
| ♥ K Q 9 7 |  |  |
| ♦ A K 8 3 |  |  |
| ♣ Q J 4   |  |  |

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

|      |       |          |       |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| West | North | East     | South |
|      |       | 1 ♠      | Dbl   |
| Pass | 2 ♠   | Pass     | 3 ♥   |
| Pass | 4 ♥   | All Pass |       |

4 ♥ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 15  
 SOUTH has 15 points and all the requirements for a  
 Takeout Double of 1 .

With 14 points of his own, NORTH knows his side  
 needs to be in a game somewhere. He passes this  
 information

to SOUTH with a cue-bid of 2 .

SOUTH gets the message and starts the hunt for a  
 trump fit by bidding 3

. That

makes it easy for NORTH - he bids 4

.

**Board 4**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q J 6 4 2

♥ A 7

♦ J 7 2

♣ A 8

♠ T 8

♥ T 4 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ J T 5 4 3

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

♠ K 7 5

♥ 8 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 9 7 6 2

♠ 9 3

♥ K Q J 9 6

♦ T 9 5 4

♣ K Q

West

North

East

South

Dbl

Pass

2♣

Pass

2♠

Pass

4♠

All Pass

4♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 16

There is only one reason that WEST should not overcall with 1 . He is too strong.

The maximum strength of an overcall is 16 points. Above that you should double.

So WEST doubles, and after EAST bids 2 WEST bids 2 . This shows an overcall

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

EAST has fine trump support and 8 points so she bids a confident 4 .