

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 2

♥ J 5 2

♦ K 9 8 6

♣ 7 5 3

♠ 6

♥ K Q 10 9 6

♦ A J 5 2

♣ Q 10 8



♠ 10 4

♥ A 8 3

♦ 10 7 4

♣ A K J 9 4

♠ K Q J 9 7 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 6 2

8

12 12

8

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

3 ♠ by South

If East had passed, SOUTH would have opened with a preemptive 3<sup>♠</sup>.

She should make the same bid with the same hand AFTER the opponents open. And she makes it

for the same reason, to describe her hand and to take away bidding space from the opponents.

NORTH treats it just like a Preemptive 3-bid, even though it is now called a Weak Jump Overcall.

In this case, NORTH passes.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9		♠ Q 6 4 3
♥ K 10 9 7 2		♥ A 8
♦ Q 7 2		♦ K 9 4
♣ K Q 7 2		♣ A J 10 5

6  
10 14  
10

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 10 8 5  
♥ 6 3  
♦ A J 10 8 5  
♣ 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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Pass	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠
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1 ♠ by South

SOUTH has 12 points, but with two 5-card suits worthy of an overcall. There isn't really a

right and wrong here, but it usually works out best to overcall in the higher-ranking suit. That

leaves open the possibility of bidding the second suit later.

In this Deal, after SOUTH overcalls 1<sup>â™™</sup>, that later possibility never happens because

everybody should pass.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

8  
 12 4  
 16

West

Pass

1 ♠ by South

♠ 4 2

♥ A J 7

♦ J 10 7 5

♣ Q 10 9 3

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ K J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 9 5

♦ Q 6

♣ A K

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

1 ♠

WEST has 13 points but she has to pass.

She cannot Double without support for

♠<sup>TM</sup>Y

s.

She cannot bid 1NT without 2 more points.

She cannot overcall 2♠<sup>TM</sup>£ with a terrible suit like that.

And EAST of course must also pass.

**Deal 4**

South Deals ♠ —  
 None Vul ♥ 10 9 4 3  
 ♦ 10 9 6 4 3 2  
 ♣ K 10 4

♠ K Q J 8 4 2 ♠ 10 3  
 ♥ Q 2 ♥ K J 7 6  
 ♦ Q 8 7 ♦ K J 5  
 ♣ 8 3 ♣ A Q 7 2

3  
 10 14  
 13

♠ A 9 7 6 5  
 ♥ A 8 5  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ J 9 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		
1 ♠ by South			

WEST obviously has to pass when SOUTH opens 1♠<sup>TM</sup>.

EAST has a reasonable Takeout Double. She hopes WEST will name a suit and they can just

play a partscore.

You should almost always bid when partner makes a Takeout Double. Almost always. This is the one time

when you don't. WEST's 1♠<sup>TM</sup> are so good that he passes, converting the Takeout Double into a

Penalty Double.

**Deal 5**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 4 3  
 ♥ 10 6 3  
 ♦ 3 2  
 ♣ Q 10 9 8

16  
 2 11  
 11

*West*

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q J 5  
 ♥ A K Q 2  
 ♦ A 9 8 5  
 ♣ 4 2



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

*North*

4 ♠

*East*

1 ♣

Pass

*South*

1 ♠

Pass

SOUTH has a normal overcall of 1<sup>â™™</sup>.

NORTH has a really good hand, but he doesn't have to worry about missing a slam since SOUTH will

not have more than 16 points. So he just bids what he thinks SOUTH can make, 4<sup>â™™</sup>.

**Deal 6**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 9 7  
♥ A 9 7 6  
♦ A 4 2  
♣ Q 3 2

11  
14 6  
9

*West*

1 ♦

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ K Q 3  
♥ K Q J 5 3  
♦ 9 6 5  
♣ 10 6



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

*North*

1 ♥

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 NT

NORTH has 12 points and a good enough suit to overcall 1

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SOUTH has 9 points with a good

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stopper. She bids 1 NT.

NORTH has nothing more to say, and lets SOUTH play 1 NT.