

**Deal 1**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
12 0  
15

West  
1 ♦  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
3 NT by North

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



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

North

Pass  
2 ♦  
2 ♠  
3 NT

East

Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

South

Dbl  
2 ♥  
3 ♣  
Pass

♠ 7 6 5 4  
♥ 10 9 5  
♦ 10 9 6 2  
♣ 10 9

NORTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

â<sup>TM</sup>!

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SOUTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

NORTH now cue-bids

â<sup>TM</sup>!

to show opening hand strength.

SOUTH shows his

â<sup>TM</sup>¥

suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

NORTH shows her â<sup>TM</sup> suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

SOUTH shows his â<sup>TM</sup>£ suit, NORTH likes it fine, but decides 3 NT will be easier than 5â<sup>TM</sup>£.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 7 4

♥ A 7 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ 9 5

10

13 6

11

West

Pass

1 ♠ by South

♠ 8

♥ K 10 8 4

♦ Q 10 9 3

♣ A J 8 3

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♠ K Q 5 3 2

♥ J 9 2

♦ K 2

♣ Q 7 4

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

1 ♠

WEST would have had a great opening  
1<sup>st</sup> bid. But when SOUTH opened 1<sup>st</sup>

in front of him he was hornswaggled. He  
couldn't bid any other suit, he couldn't  
bid 1 NT

and he sure couldn't bid 1<sup>st</sup> s. So he must  
pass.

And so does everybody else pass.

**Deal 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 4  
♥ A 8 3  
♦ 10 7 4  
♣ A K J 9 4

8  
12 12  
8

West

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♠ by North

♠ K Q J 9 7 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 6 2



♠ A 8 2

♥ J 5 2

♦ K 9 8 6

♣ 7 5 3

North

3 ♠

East

Pass

South

Pass

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

If West had passed, NORTH would have opened with a preemptive 3<sup>TM</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.

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

In this case, SOUTH passes.

**Deal 4**

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
	♠ 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>
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠
1 ♠ by South		Pass	

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.