

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 6 4

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 2

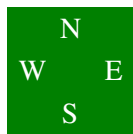
♣ A 8 4 3

♠ 5 3

♥ K 8 6 5

♦ A Q J T 6 4

♣ K



♠ A 9

♥ A Q 9 3

♦ K 8 7 5

♣ J 6 5

♠ K J T 8 2

♥ T 4

♦ 3

♣ Q T 9 7 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

All Pass

1 ♦ by North

Baker Overcalls 1

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

Decide what you would say, then on "" above.

You have 14 points but so what. You have no 5-card suit to Overcall. You cannot make a Takeout Double with 4 of their suit. So you pass. It is important to realize that there are hands you would open but cannot overcall with.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

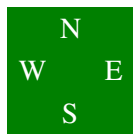
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♥ K T 9 3
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ 5

♠ K

♥ 8 6 2

♦ A 8 3 2

♣ A Q J 7 3



♠ T 9 2

♥ A Q J 7 5

♦ Q J 7

♣ 8 6

♠ Q J 8 6 4

♥ 4

♦ T 5

♣ K T 9 4 2

West

3♥

North

1♣

All Pass

East

1♥

South

Pass

3♥ by West

Baker Overcalls 2

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

With four trumps and 12 points you have a text-book raise to 3♥. Partner had a minimum overcall though, so he passed.

Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

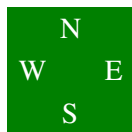
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♥ T 6 4
♦ T 9 2
♣ J 7

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ K 8 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 4 3



♠ Q J

♥ 9 2

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A K Q T 2

♠ T 9

♥ A Q J 7 5

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ 6 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♥

1♣

All Pass

1♥

2♥ by North

Baker Overcalls 3

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

With 12 points and a good suit you have a very solid overcall so you bid 1♥. Partner responds 2♥. What do you say?

Partner is showing 6-10 points and three trumps. Your hand revalues to 14 at most so you pass.

Board 4

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 9 7

♥ 8

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 9 4 3

♠ T 8 5 4 3 2

♥ Q 7 6

♦ J 3

♣ J T



♠ 6

♥ K J 9 4 3

♦ K 9 4

♣ 8 7 6 5

♠ A

♥ A T 5 2

♦ A T 8 7 5

♣ A K 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

All Pass

1 ♦

1 ♠ by West

Baker Overcalls 4

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

You really don't like partner's ♠s, and you do have 8 points. But 8 points is not enough to be considering game, and you would have to bid your ♥s at the 2-level. All things considered it is better to pass while you still aren't doubled.

Board 5

West Deals

N-S Vul

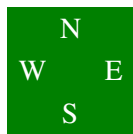
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♥ T 9
♦ 5
♣ A J 8 4 2

♠ T 9

♥ K Q J 7 5 2

♦ Q J 7

♣ 6 5



♠ Q 3

♥ 4

♦ K 9 8 6 4 3

♣ K Q 9 7

♠ J 7 5 2

♥ A 8 6 3

♦ A T 2

♣ T 3

West

1 ♠

All Pass

North

2 ♥

East

Pass

South

3 ♥

3 ♥ by South

Baker Overcalls 5

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

You overcall 2♥ and hear partner raise you to 3♥.

What do you say now?

No matter how many times you check this hand you cannot revalue it any more than 13 points. Since partner has T at the most you reluctantly pass.

Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

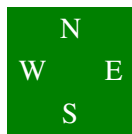
♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ T 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

♠ Q 6 2

♥ 8 7 4

♦ A Q 8 4

♣ A Q T



♠ A K 9 7 5

♥ K T 3

♦ 9 5 3

♣ K 7

♠ T 4

♥ Q 6 5

♦ K J 6 2

♣ J 6 5 4

West

North

East

South

1 ♦

1 ♠

2 ♦

2 ♠

All Pass

2 ♠ by West

Baker Overcalls 6

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

With only 7 points you might not think you have enough to make a "free bid". But in competitive bidding situations like these, where both sides have a fit, bidding is usually better than passing. So you bid 2 ♠.

You might look at the Law of Total Tricks lesson for more on this subject.