

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ T 5

♥ A K Q J 4 3

♦ J 5 3 2

♣ 3

♠ A K J 7 4

♥ 8 7

♦ A 7 6

♣ Q 5 4



♠ 8 3

♥ T 6

♦ Q T 8 4

♣ A K J T 7

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ 9 5 2

♦ K 9

♣ 9 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	All Pass	

1 ♠ by North

points, SOUTH just passes.

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 1

NORTH has an opening hand, 15 points, and a 5-card suit. Unfortunately WEST beat her to

the punch by opening 1

But NORTH should get into the bidding anyway, by Overcalling 1 This shows a good suit

and somewhere between 9 and 16 points.

SOUTH has 6 points. If NORTH had actually OPENED 1 SOUTH would be obligated to bid. But knowing that

the Overcall will not be made with more than 16

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ T 5 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ K J 6

♠ T

♥ A K Q 9 6 4

♦ J 9

♣ A 9 3 2

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♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q 5 4

♠ 8 5 3

♥ J 3

♦ T 8 5 3 2

♣ T 8 7

West	North	East	South
2♠	1♥	1♠	Pass
	Pass	4♠	All Pass

4 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 2
EAST has an opening hand, 15 points and five
But NORTH beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1 .

WEST has 11 points, and if EAST had opened she
would make a Limit Raise to 3 .

But when replying to an Overcall, the strength needs
to be a little higher. In Deal 1 it was OK to

pass a 1 Overcall with 6 points, here it is correct to
just raise to 2 with 11 points.

EAST actually has a strong Overcall so he bids 4 .

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 5 3
♥ Q 6 4
♦ Q J T 8 3
♣ 7 3

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ T 5 2

♦ A K

♣ K 8 6 2



♠ 8
♥ A K J 9 3
♦ 5 4 2
♣ A Q T 9

♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ 9 7 6
♣ J 5 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

3 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 3

This time SOUTH has just 10 points, nowhere near an opening hand. Still, when EAST opens

1

SOUTH should Overcall 1 This shows a good suit and somewhere between 9 and 16 points.

NORTH has 13 points. If SOUTH had actually OPENED 1 NORTH would insist on game. But SOUTH didn't

Open, she just Overcalled. So NORTH must be more cautious. He jumps to 3 and SOUTH shows her minimum type hand by passing.

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A T 5 3
♥ T 7 5
♦ Q 8
♣ A 8 6 2

♠ Q J 7 4
♥ A K 9 8 3 2
♦ 4
♣ J 9

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♠ K 9 8 6
♥ 4
♦ A K 7 3
♣ K Q 7 5

♠ 2
♥ Q J 6
♦ J T 9 6 5 2
♣ T 4 3

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

4 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set10.4
EAST has 15 points, a singleton in the opponent's suit and 4-card support for any suit

partner might name. In other words, a perfect Takeout Double.

WEST needs to make a medium-strong bid to apprise EAST of her 10 points. She jumps to 2 .

EAST's hand is now worth 17 points because of the singleton. Since he is quite happy with

he bids 4 .

Board 5

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9
♥ K 8 5
♦ A T 9 7 5
♣ Q T 3

♠ 7 6 4 2

♥ 7 6 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ J 9 8

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	S	

♠ A Q J T 8
♥ Q T 9
♦ 3 2
♣ A 6 5

♠ 5 3
♥ A J 4 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Dbl
Pass	2 ♣	All Pass	

2 ♣ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 5
SOUTH has 14 points, a doubleton in the opponent's suit and at least three cards in

each of the other suits. This is a normal Takeout Double.

NORTH has a really awful hand. He has just one point and his only 4-card suit is the one the

opponents have already bid. He wants nothing more than to pass.

But he cannot pass. Partner's Double said "Bid your best suit.", so he bids 2 .

Mercifully SOUTH also passes.

Board 6

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 8 5

♥ K Q T 5

♦ A K 3

♣ 4 2

♠ 4 3

♥ 9 6 3 2

♦ T 8 7

♣ J T 6 5


 ♠ A J T 7
 ♥ J 7
 ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ A 8 3

 ♠ K 6 2
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ 6 4 2
 ♣ K Q 9 7

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Dbl	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass

4♠ All Pass

4 ♠ by West

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 6

With 14 points, shortage, and support for the other suits WEST makes a Takeout Double.

EAST has 13 points so she bids 2 This is an artificial bid, apprising WEST of EAST's opening

hand strength, and forcing the partnership to reach the game level.

WEST suggests

s as trumps.

EAST doesn't like

s so she suggests s.

WEST agrees with and bids game, 4 .