

**Board 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4  
 ♥ K Q 9 6  
 ♦ A 4  
 ♣ A Q 9 8 4

♠ K Q J 9 7 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T

♥ A T 8 3

♦ J T 7 5 2

♣ K J T

♠ A 8 2

♥ J 5 2

♦ K 9 8 6

♣ 7 5 3

West

1 ♣

North

3 ♠

East

All Pass

South

3 ♠ by North

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If West had passed, NORTH would have opened with  
 a preemptive 3 .

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.

**Board 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 3  
♥ K T 7 2  
♦ 9 2  
♣ Q 7 2

♠ K 7 2

♥ Q J 5 4

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 6 4

W N  
S E

♠ A J T 8 5

♥ 6 3

♦ A J T 8 5

♣ 3

♠ 4

♥ A 9 8

♦ K Q 7 4

♣ A K J T 5

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

1 ♠

All Pass

1 ♠ by South

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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 ♠ that later possibility never happens because

everybody should pass.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 8 6  
♥ Q 8 6 3  
♦ 9 8 4 3  
♣ 8 5

♠ K J T 7 4 2

♥ A 9

♦ T 6

♣ A K Q



♠ A 5 3

♥ 4 2

♦ A K 2

♣ J 7 6 4 2

♠ 9

♥ K J T 7 5

♦ Q J 7 5

♣ T 9 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

All Pass

1 ♠ by North

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EAST has 13 points but she has to pass.

She cannot Double without support for

s.

She cannot bid 1NT without 2 more points.

She cannot overcall 2 with a terrible suit like that.

And WEST of course must also pass.

**Board 4**

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 8 4 2

♥ Q 2

♦ Q 8 7

♣ 8 3

♠ -

♥ T 9 4 3

♦ 6 4 3 2

♣ K J T 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 7 6 5

♥ A 8 5

♦ A T 9

♣ 6 5

♠ T 3

♥ K J 7 6

♦ K J 5

♣ A Q 7 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

Dbl

1 ♠

All Pass

1 ♠ X by South

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WEST obviously has to pass when SOUTH opens 1 ♠.

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 ♠ are so good that he passes, converting the Takeout Double into a

Penalty Double.

**Board 5**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4 3

♥ T 6 5

♦ Q 4 2

♣ A K Q 7

♠ A K 8 7 2

♥ J 9 8

♦ K 7 6

♣ 6 5



♠ T 6

♥ 7 4 3

♦ J T 3

♣ J T 9 8 3

♠ Q J 5

♥ A K Q 2

♦ A 9 8 5

♣ 4 2

West

1 ♣

All Pass

North

1 ♠

East

Pass

South

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

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NORTH has a normal overcall of 1 .

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

not have more than 16 points. So he just bids what he thinks NORTH can make, 4 .

Board 6  
West Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ A J 7 2  
♥ T 9  
♦ A Q 7 2  
♣ 7 3 2

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	1 ♥	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

1 NT by South

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

SOUTH has 9 points with a good

stopper. She bids 1NT.

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