

**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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

1 ♥

North

1 ♠

East

All Pass

South

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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 ♥

Pass

1 ♠

4 ♠

Pass

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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 ♠	1 ♥	1 ♠
		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



♠ 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 ♥

Pass

Dbl

4 ♠

Pass

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 .