

Deal 1North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 7 6 4
 ♥ J 7 2
 ♦ 9 2
 ♣ A 8 4 3

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 7 14
 4

	N	
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	S	

♠ K 10 5 2
 ♥ 10
 ♦ A Q J 10
 ♣ K Q 7 2

♠ A 9
 ♥ A Q 9 3
 ♦ K 8 7 5
 ♣ J 6 5

♠ J 8 3
 ♥ K 8 6 5 4
 ♦ 6 4 3
 ♣ 10 9

West North East South
 Pass 1♦ Pass Pass

Pass
 1♦ by North

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.

Deal 2

North Deals	♠ Q 8 4
None Vul	♥ 6 2
	♦ A 10 8
	♣ K Q J 7 4
♠ A 7 5 3	♠ 10 9 2
♥ K 10 9 3	♥ A Q J 7 5
♦ K 9 6 4	♦ Q J 7
♣ 5	♣ 8 6



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	♥ 8 4		
	♦ 5 3 2		
	♣ A 10 9 3 2		
<i>West</i> 3 ♥ 3 ♥ by East	<i>North</i> 1 ♣ Pass	<i>East</i> 1 ♥ Pass	<i>South</i> Pass Pass

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.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 5 2
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ K J 10 4
 ♣ A 7 2

10 7
 11 12

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W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 4 3
 ♥ K 8 3
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ 9 8 4 3

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

♠ 10 9
 ♥ A Q J 7 5
 ♦ A 8 7 5
 ♣ 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♣	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2♥ by South			

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.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 9 7
 ♥ 8
 ♦ Q 6 2
 ♣ Q 9 4 3

10
 10 7
 13

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 10 8 5 2
 ♥ Q 7 6 2
 ♦ J 10 3
 ♣ K

♠ 6
 ♥ K J 9 4 3
 ♦ K 9 4
 ♣ 8 7 6 5

♠ 4 3
 ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ A 8 7 5
 ♣ A J 10 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 ♦			
1 ♣ by West			

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.

Deal 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q 8 4
♥ 9 4
♦ 9 5 4 3
♣ K Q

14 9
8
9
♣ 10 3



♠ 10 9
♥ K Q J 7 5 2
♦ Q J 7
♣ 6 5
♠ 6 3
♥ 10
♦ K 8 6
♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2

West North East South
1 ♠ **2 ♥** Pass **3 ♥**
Pass Pass Pass
3 ♥ by North

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.

Deal 6North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 3
 ♥ A J 9 2
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ 9 8 3 2

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6 ¹³
8

West

♠ 10 4
 ♥ Q 7 5 4
 ♦ A K 4 2
 ♣ A 10 6

♠ A K 9 7 5
 ♥ K 10 3
 ♦ 9 5 3
 ♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ Q J 8 6
 ♣ Q J 5 4

North East South

1♦ 1♠ 2♦

2♠

Pass

Pass

2♠ by East

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.

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 10 5 2

♥ 10

♦ A Q J 10

♣ K Q 7 2

♠ Q 7 6 4

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 2

♣ A 8 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 9

♥ A Q 9 3

♦ K 8 7 5

♣ J 6 5

♠ J 8 3

♥ K 8 6 5 4

♦ 6 4 3

♣ 10 9

15
7 14
4

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 4
♥ 6 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ K Q J 7 4

♠ A 7 5 3
♥ K 10 9 3
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ 5

12
10 **10**
 8

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9 2
♥ A Q J 7 5
♦ Q J 7
♣ 8 6

♠ K J 6
♥ 8 4
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A 10 9 3 2

Deal 9

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ K 8 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

♠ Q 6 5 2

♥ 4 2

♦ K J 10 4

♣ A 7 2



♠ K J 8

♥ 10 9 6

♦ Q 9 2

♣ K Q J 10

♠ 10 9
7
10 12
11
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ 6 5

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♣ K

♠ K Q J 9 7

♥ 8

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 9 4 3



♠ A 10 8 5 2

♥ Q 7 6 2

♦ J 10 3

♠ 6
♥ K J 9 4 3
♦ K 9 4
♣ 8 7 6 5

♠ 4 3

♥ A 10 5

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ A J 10 2

10
10 7
13

Deal 11

South Deals	♠ 10 9
None Vul	♥ K Q J 7 5 2
	♦ Q J 7
	♣ 6 5
♠ A K Q 8 4	♠ 6 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 10
♦ 9 5 4 3	♦ K 8 6
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2
14 9 8	♠ J 7 5 2
9	♥ A 8 6 3
	♦ A 10 2
	♣ 10 3

N
W E
S

Deal 12

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

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N
W E
S

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

Deal 13

North Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 10 5 2
♥ 10
♦ A Q J 10
♣ K Q 7 2

♠ Q 7 6 4
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 2
♣ A 8 4 3



♠ A 9
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ J 6 5

15
7 14
4

♠ J 8 3
♥ K 8 6 5 4
♦ 6 4 3
♣ 10 9

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 4
♥ 6 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ K Q J 7 4

♠ A 7 5 3
♥ K 10 9 3
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ 5

12
10 **10**
 8

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9 2
♥ A Q J 7 5
♦ Q J 7
♣ 8 6

♠ K J 6
♥ 8 4
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A 10 9 3 2

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

♠ Q 6 5 2

♥ 4 2

♦ K J 10 4

♣ A 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ K J 8

♥ 10 9 6

♦ Q 9 2

♣ K Q J 10

♠ 10 9
10 7 12
11

♥ A Q J 7 5

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ 6 5

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10 8 5 2

♥ Q 7 6 2

♦ J 10 3

♣ K

♠ K Q J 9 7

♥ 8

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 9 4 3



♠ 6

♥ K J 9 4 3

♦ K 9 4

♣ 8 7 6 5

10
10 7
13

♠ 4 3
♥ A 10 5
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ A J 10 2

Deal 17

North Deals	♠ 10 9
None Vul	♥ K Q J 7 5 2
	♦ Q J 7
	♣ 6 5
♠ A K Q 8 4	♠ 6 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 10
♦ 9 5 4 3	♦ K 8 6
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2
14 9 8	♠ J 7 5 2
9	♥ A 8 6 3
	♦ A 10 2
	♣ 10 3

N
W E
S

Deal 18East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

13
6 13
8

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

Deal 19

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 10 5 2

♥ 10

♦ A Q J 10

♣ K Q 7 2

♠ Q 7 6 4

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 2

♣ A 8 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 9

♥ A Q 9 3

♦ K 8 7 5

♣ J 6 5

♠ J 8 3

15
7 14
4

♥ K 8 6 5 4

♦ 6 4 3

♣ 10 9

Deal 20

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 8 4
♥ 6 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ K Q J 7 4

♠ A 7 5 3
♥ K 10 9 3
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ 5

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9 2
♥ A Q J 7 5
♦ Q J 7
♣ 8 6

♠ K J 6
♥ 8 4
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A 10 9 3 2

12
10 10
8

Deal 21

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ K 8 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

♠ Q 6 5 2

♥ 4 2

♦ K J 10 4

♣ A 7 2



♠ K J 8

♥ 10 9 6

♦ Q 9 2

♣ K Q J 10

♠ 10 9

♥ A Q J 7 5

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ 6 5

10 7
11 12

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 10 8 5 2

♥ Q 7 6 2

♦ J 10 3

♣ K

♠ K Q J 9 7

♥ 8

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 9 4 3



♠ 6

♥ K J 9 4 3

♦ K 9 4

♣ 8 7 6 5

♠ 4 3

♥ A 10 5

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ A J 10 2

10

10 7

13

Deal 23

South Deals	♠ 10 9
Both Vul	♥ K Q J 7 5 2
	♦ Q J 7
	♣ 6 5
♠ A K Q 8 4	♠ 6 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 10
♦ 9 5 4 3	♦ K 8 6
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2
14 9 8 9	♠ J 7 5 2
	♥ A 8 6 3
	♦ A 10 2
	♣ 10 3

N
W E
S

Deal 24West Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

13
6 13
8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

Deal 25

North Deals

♦ A Q J 10
♣ K Q 7 2

♠ Q 7 6 4
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 2
♣ A 8 4 3

15
7 14
4

N
W E
S

♠ A 9
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ J 6 5

♠ J 8 3
♥ K 8 6 5 4
♦ 6 4 3
♣ 10 9

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q 8 4

♥ 6 2

♦ A 10 8

♣ K Q J 7 4

♠ A 7 5 3

♥ K 10 9 3

♦ K 9 6 4

♣ 5

12
10 **10**
 8



♠ 10 9 2
♥ A Q J 7 5
♦ Q J 7
♣ 8 6

♠ K J 6

♥ 8 4

♦ 5 3 2

♣ A 10 9 3 2

Deal 27

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ K 8 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

♠ Q 6 5 2

♥ 4 2

♦ K J 10 4

♣ A 7 2



♠ K J 8

♥ 10 9 6

♦ Q 9 2

♣ K Q J 10

♠ 10 9

♥ A Q J 7 5

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ 6 5

10 7
11 12

Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 10 8 5 2

♥ Q 7 6 2

♦ J 10 3

♣ K

♠ K Q J 9 7

♥ 8

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 9 4 3



♠ 6

♥ K J 9 4 3

♦ K 9 4

♣ 8 7 6 5

10
10 7
13

♠ 4 3
♥ A 10 5
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ A J 10 2

Deal 29

	♠ 10 9
North Deals	♥ K Q J 7 5 2
Both Vul	♦ Q J 7
	♣ 6 5
♠ A K Q 8 4	♠ 6 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 10
♦ 9 5 4 3	♦ K 8 6
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2
	♠ J 7 5 2
14 9 8	♥ A 8 6 3
9	♦ A 10 2
	♣ 10 3



Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

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6 8

N
W E
S

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

Deal 31

South Deals

N-S Vul

♦ A Q J 10

♣ K Q 7 2

♠ Q 7 6 4

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 2

♣ A 8 4 3

W N E
S

♠ A 9
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ J 6 5

♠ J 8 3
♥ K 8 6 5 4
♦ 6 4 3
♣ 10 9

15
7 14
4

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q 8 4
♥ 6 2
♦ A 10 8
♣ K Q J 7 4

♠ A 7 5 3
♥ K 10 9 3
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ 5

12
10 **10**
 8

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9 2
♥ A Q J 7 5
♦ Q J 7
♣ 8 6

♠ K J 6
♥ 8 4
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A 10 9 3 2

Deal 33

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ K 8 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

♠ Q 6 5 2

♥ 4 2

♦ K J 10 4

♣ A 7 2

N
W S E

♠ K J 8

♥ 10 9 6

♦ Q 9 2

♣ K Q J 10

10 7
11 12♠ 10 9
♥ A Q J 7 5
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ 6 5

Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 10 8 5 2

♥ Q 7 6 2

♦ J 10 3

♣ K

♠ K Q J 9 7

♥ 8

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 9 4 3

W N E
S

♠ 6

♥ K J 9 4 3

♦ K 9 4

♣ 8 7 6 5

10

10 7

13

♠ 4 3

♥ A 10 5

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ A J 10 2

Deal 35

South Deals	♠ 10 9
E-W Vul	♥ K Q J 7 5 2
	♦ Q J 7
	♣ 6 5
♠ A K Q 8 4	♠ 6 3
♥ 9 4	♥ 10
♦ 9 5 4 3	♦ K 8 6
♣ K Q	♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2
14 9 8 9	♠ J 7 5 2
	♥ A 8 6 3
	♦ A 10 2
	♣ 10 3

N
W E
S

Deal 36

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

♠ 10 4

♥ Q 7 5 4

♦ A K 4 2

♣ A 10 6

N
W E
S

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6 8

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

♠ A K 9 7 5

♥ K 10 3

♦ 9 5 3

♣ K 7