

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

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 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

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| 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

♠ A 7 5 3
♥ K T 9 3
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ 5

♠ K

♥ 8 6 2

♦ A 8 3 2

♣ A Q J 7 3

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 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

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| West | North | East | South |
| | 1♣ | 1♥ | Pass |
| 3♥ | All 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

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ T 6 4

♦ T 9 2

♣ J 7

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ K 8 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 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

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|------|-------|----------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | | 1♣ | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2♥ | All Pass | |

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

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| | N | ♠ 6 |
| W | | ♥ K J 9 4 3 |
| | E | ♦ K 9 4 |
| | S | ♣ 8 7 6 5 |

♠ A
 ♥ A T 5 2
 ♦ A T 8 7 5
 ♣ A K 2

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|------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | | | 1♦ |

1♠ All Pass

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.