

**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

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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**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 8 5 3  
 ♥ J 3  
 ♦ T 8 5 3 2  
 ♣ T 8 7

♠ Q 9 6 2  
 ♥ T 5 2  
 ♦ K Q 4  
 ♣ K J 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T  
 ♥ A K Q 9 6 4  
 ♦ J 9  
 ♣ A 9 3 2

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

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 2

SOUTH has an opening hand, 15 points and five s.  
 But EAST beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1 .

NORTH has 11 points, and if SOUTH 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.

SOUTH actually has a strong Overcall so he bids 4 .

**Board 3**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

West

1 ♥

All Pass

North

1 ♠

East

Pass

South

3 ♠

3 ♠ by South

**Baker Bidpractice/Set10 3**

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

1

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

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

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

minimum type hand by passing.

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 2

♥ Q J 6

♦ J T 9 6 5 2

♣ T 4 3

♠ A T 5 3

♥ T 7 5

♦ Q 8

♣ A 8 6 2

West

1 ♥

Pass

North

Dbl

4 ♠

East

Pass

All Pass

South

2 ♠

4 ♠ by North

**Baker Bidpractice/Set10 4**

NORTH 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.

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

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

he bids 4 .