

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 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

West North East South

1♥

1♠

All Pass

1 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set10.1

SOUTH has an opening hand, 15 points, and a 5-card suit. Unfortunately EAST beat her to

the punch by opening 1

But SOUTH should get into the bidding anyway, by Overcalling 1 This shows a good suit

and somewhere between 9 and 16 points.

NORTH has 6 points. If SOUTH had actually OPENED 1 NORTH would be obligated to bid. But knowing that

the Overcall will not be made with more than 16 points, NORTH just passes.

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



♠ T

♥ A K Q 9 6 4

♦ J 9

♣ A 9 3 2

West

North

East

South

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

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



♠ 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♠	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

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



♠ A T 5 3

♥ T 7 5

♦ Q 8

♣ A 8 6 2

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

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 .