

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J T 8 2

♥ T 4

♦ 3

♣ Q T 9 7 2

7

6 13

14

♠ 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

♠ 5 3

♥ K 8 6 5

♦ A Q J T 6 4

♣ K

West

North

East

South

1♦

All Pass

1♦ by East

Baker Overcalls 1

The bidding has been as shown. It is your turn. Decide what you would say, then click on "" above. [BID pass]

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 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K
♥ 8 6 2
♦ A 8 3 2
♣ A Q J 7 3

10
14 6
10

♠ T 9 2
♥ A Q J 7 5
♦ Q J 7
♣ 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ Q J 8 6 4
♥ 4
♦ T 5
♣ K T 9 4 2

♠ A 7 5 3
♥ K T 9 3
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ 5

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

3♥ by South

Baker Overcalls 2

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 3♥]

With four trumps and 12 points you have a text-book raise to 3♥. Partner had a minimum overcall though, so he passed.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ T 6 4

♦ T 9 2

♣ J 7

7
4 18
11

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ K 8 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

	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

West North East South

1♣ 1♥

Pass 2♥ All Pass

Baker Overcalls 3

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
 [BID 1♥]

With 12 points and a good suit you have a very solid overcall so you bid 1♥. Partner responds 2♥. What do you say? [BID pass]

Partner is showing 6-10 points and three trumps. Your hand revalues to 14 at most so you pass.

2♥ by North

Deal 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A
♥ A T 5 2
♦ A T 8 7 5
♣ A K 2

10
19 4
7

♠ K Q J 9 7
♥ 8
♦ Q 6 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ T 8 5 4 3 2
♥ Q 7 6
♦ J 3
♣ J T

♠ 6
♥ K J 9 4 3
♦ K 9 4
♣ 8 7 6 5

West North East South
1♦ 1♠ All Pass

1 ♠ by North

Baker Overcalls 4

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID pass]

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 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 3
♥ 4
♦ K 9 8 6 4 3
♣ K Q 9 7

9
10 12
9

♠ J 7 5 2
♥ A 8 6 3
♦ A T 2
♣ T 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K 8 6 4
♥ T 9
♦ 5
♣ A J 8 4 2

♠ T 9
♥ K Q J 7 5 2
♦ Q J 7
♣ 6 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

3♥ by North

Baker Overcalls 5

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
[BID 2♥]

You overcall 2♥ and hear partner raise you to 3♥. What do you say now? [BID pass]

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 7

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A Q 8 4
♣ A Q T

13
14 7
6

♠ A K 9 7 5

♥ K T 3

♦ 9 5 3

♣ K 7

N
W E
S

♠ T 4
♥ Q 6 5
♦ K J 6 2
♣ J 6 5 4

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ T 7
♣ 9 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
1♦	1♠	2♦	2♠

All Pass

2♠ by South

Baker Overcalls 6

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2♠]

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 8

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 5
♥ T 7 6 2
♦ K J 9 2
♣ A J 6

12
9 11
8

♠ K 8 4 2

♥ A 9 3

♦ T 5

♣ K Q 9 3

N
W E
S

♠ A 7

♥ J 8 5

♦ A Q 7 4

♣ T 7 5 4

♠ Q J T 9 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♠	1♦	1♠
		All Pass	

3♠ by North

Baker Overcalls 7

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
[BID 1♠]

You have enough for a 1-level Overcall so you bid 1♠. Partner says 3♠. What do you say now? [BID pass]

The jump raise tells you partner has 11-14 points.

With your minimum it's going to have to be better than that to get you excited. So you pass.

Deal 9

West Deals

None Vul

♠ T
 ♥ A K Q 9 8
 ♦ J 5 3
 ♣ A K Q 9

8
 19 6
 7

♠ A Q J 6 4
 ♥ 3
 ♦ 9 8 6 2
 ♣ J 8 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ 9 2
 ♥ J T 6 4
 ♦ K Q T 7 4
 ♣ T 6

♠ K 8 7 5 3
 ♥ 7 5 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ 7 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	3♥	4♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

Baker Overcalls 8

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
 What do you say? [BID 4♠]

You have 10 points, but in cases like this points don't matter that much. They MIGHT be able to make 4♥. Partner MIGHT be able to make 4♠. This preemptive jump takes the decision away from them.

Looking at the hands you can see that partner is going to go down 1 at 4♠. However, that is an excellent result since they appear to be cold for 5♥.

Deal 10

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 2

♥ J 6 2

♦ J 8 7 2

♣ Q 8 3

♠ A J 7 6

♥ Q 9 7 3

♦ A 5 4

♣ 9 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q T 4

♥ 5

♦ Q T 9

♣ K J T 7 6

11

4 11

14

♠ 5 3
♥ A K T 8 4
♦ K 6 3
♣ A 5 4

West

North

East

South

1♣

1♥

Pass

3♥

Pass

4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker Overcalls 9

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

[BID 1♥]

Nice hand. But not nice enough to double, then bid your ♥s. So you overcall 1♥. Partner says 3♥. It is your bid. [BID 4♥]

The jump raise promises 11-14 points. Your 17 plus partner's 11 or so takes you right up to game. You bid 4♥.

Deal 11

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6 3
♥ A 7 6 4
♦ K Q
♣ T 6

11
11 6
12

♠ 7 2
♥ Q 8
♦ J 5 2
♣ A K J 9 7 2

N
W E
S
♠ J T 4
♥ J 9 3
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 8 5 4

♠ A K 5
♥ K T 5 2
♦ T 9 7 4
♣ Q 3

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Overcalls 10

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2NT]

Partner has at least 11 points for his 2-level overcall. He might have as many as 16. You have a perfect invitational hand including two sure stoppers in their suit. So you bid 2NT. Partner raises to 3NT and you get to play it there.

Deal 12

East Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 5
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 8 7 6 4 2
♣ 7 6

9
0 13
18

♠ A 8 3 2

♥ K J T 6

♦ J 9 3

♣ T 8

N
W E
S

♠ J 6 4

♥ Q 9 5

♦ K Q

♣ A J 5 4 2

♠ K Q 9
♥ A 8 4
♦ A T 5
♣ K Q 9 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

points you accept.

Baker Overcalls 11

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

[BID 1NT]

This hand would be one point too strong to Open 1NT, but it fits the 15-18 range to Overcall 1NT. Partner responds 2♣. What do you bid? [BID 2♦]

Don't get your systems crossed. Partner did not make a cue-bid, he is using Stayman. Since you have no 4-card Major suit you answer 2♦. Partner now says 2NT and the ball is in your court. [BID 3NT]

This is just a plain old 1NT/Stayman sequence. Partner is inviting, and since you have 18

Deal 13

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 2
♥ 8 5 2
♦ A K T 8
♣ A 9 5

10
12 4
14

♠ A K T 7 5

♥ J 6

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 4
♥ T 9 4 3
♦ Q J 4 3
♣ J 7 4 2

♠ Q 8 6 3
♥ A K Q 7
♦ 6 5
♣ K T 6

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Overcalls 12

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2♦]

Wow! Great ♠ support and 15 points. You cue-bid 2♦, forcing partner to bid. He says 2♠. Your turn. [BID 4♠]

Partner has not made a strong bid and it is possible that T tricks will be too high. But it is pretty likely that game can be made so you bid it. Be bold!

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 3 2
♥ 5
♦ A T 7 4 2
♣ K 6 3

8
11 13
8

♠ T 7
♥ K Q 6 2
♦ K 8 5
♣ 8 7 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ 5
♥ A J T 9 7 3
♦ J 9
♣ A Q J T

♠ K Q J 9 8 4
♥ 8 4
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 9 5

West North East South
All Pass

2 ♠ by South

Baker Overcalls 13

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
[BID 2♠]

If you had been the dealer you would have opened 2♠. The situation is no different after they open so you Overcall 2♠. Everybody passes.

Deal 15

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T
♥ 5 4 2
♦ K Q 7 4 2
♣ A 9 4

9
11 10
10

♠ 9 7 5
♥ K Q J 9 7
♦ 8 3
♣ K 5 2

♠ 4 2
♥ A T 8 6
♦ A J T 9
♣ J 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A K J 8 6 3
♥ 3
♦ 6 5
♣ Q T 7 6

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker Overcalls 14

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 1♠]

You don't like to take partner out of his overcalled suit without good reason. Here you have good reason. So you bid 1♠. Partner replies 2♠. What do you say next? [BID pass]

You expect partner to have three trumps, but he has made a minimum bid. So you take the conservative route and pass.

Deal 16

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4
♥ 9 6 5 3
♦ Q T 9 4
♣ K 8 2

12
5 12
11

♠ K Q J 9 7 3
♥ Q
♦ A 8 7 2
♣ T 4

♠ A 2
♥ T 7 2
♦ J 5
♣ A Q J 7 6 3

N
W E
S

♠ T 8 5
♥ A K J 8 4
♦ K 6 3
♣ 9 5

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Overcalls 15

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
[BID 1 ♥]

You have a nice easy decision here. You overcall 1 ♥. Then partner bids 1 ♠. What do you say next? [BID 2 ♠]

Whether you play a change of suit as forcing or not, your hand certainly qualifies as one where you should make a bid. Partner doesn't really like your ♥s but you are quite satisfied to play in ♠s. So you bid 2 ♠. Partner jumps to 4 ♠ and that closes out the auction.

Deal 17

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 5 4
♥ Q J
♦ K Q 8 2
♣ 9 4 2

15
12 4
9

♠ J T 9
♥ K T 7 3
♦ A J T
♣ A Q 5

N
W E
S

♠ 6 2
♥ 9 4 2
♦ 9 7 4 3
♣ K J 8 3

♠ K Q 8 3
♥ A 8 6 5
♦ 6 5
♣ T 7 6

West	North	East	South
1♦	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

3♥ by South

Baker Overcalls 16

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say? [BID 2♣]

You treat partner's 1NT Overcall the same as a 1NT Opening. You use Stayman and bid 2♣. Partner replies 2♥. What is your next bid? [BID 3♥]

You have 9 points, an invitational strength hand. You bid 3♥, inviting partner to go to game with a maximum. He declines your invitation.

Deal 18

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 6
♥ 8 7 6 5 3
♦ T 8 7 4
♣ 5

15
2 12
11

♠ 8 4
♥ K Q J
♦ A Q 9 5
♣ K 9 7 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 7 5 3 2
♥ A 2
♦ J 6 2
♣ A 8 4

♠ A J 9
♥ T 9 4
♦ K 3
♣ Q J T 6 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Overcalls 17

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
[BID 2♣]

You have a sound 2-level overcall. You bid 2♣ and partner replies 2♠. What is your next bid?
[BID 2NT]

Partner's cue-bid obviously forces you to bid. Partner's hand might be very distributional, but rather than just sticking to ♣s you suggest with 2NT. This guarantees you have ♠s stopped. Partner likes your suggestion and bids 3NT.

Deal 19

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 6
♥ K 6 3
♦ T 5 4
♣ A K 9 3

13
14 0
13

♠ K Q J T 5
♥ Q T 7
♦ A J 3
♣ 8 7

♠ 9 4 2
♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ 5 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ 8 3
♥ A J 9
♦ K Q 9 7
♣ Q J T 6

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Overcalls 18

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2NT]

Balanced hand, poor support for partner's suit, stoppers in their suit and 13 points. You couldn't get a better hand to jump to 2NT. Partner takes you to 3NT.

Deal 20

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2

♥ J 4 3

♦ J 8 2

♣ 6 4

16

4 12

8

♠ A J T

♥ Q T 7

♦ A 7 5

♣ K Q T 9

N
W E
S

♠ K 6 5

♥ A 9 6 2

♦ 3

♣ A J 8 5 3

♠ 8 3
♥ K 8 5
♦ K Q T 9 6 4
♣ 7 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Overcalls 19

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

[BID 2♦]

With a good 6-card suit and 10 points you make a Weak Jump Overcall to 2♦. Partner says 2NT. What do you bid now? [BID 3♥]

The 2NT bid is a standard response to a Weak 2-bid. It asks for the identification of any outside high-card if the Weak 2-bidder has more than a minimum. Here you are in the top range for your bid so you show your ♥K.

That was apparently the missing link for partner, he now says 3NT.

West Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7
♥ Q 5
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ A K J 5 3

9
11 5
15

♠ K Q T 9 3 2
♥ 8 4 2
♦ A 7
♣ 9 2

♠ 6 4
♥ J T 9 6 3
♦ Q T 8 4
♣ Q 7

N

W E

S

♠ A 8 5
♥ A K 7
♦ K J 6
♣ T 8 6 4

West	North	East	South
1♣	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Overcalls 20

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say? [BID 2NT]

You might just try 4♠. Of course if partner has a minimum Weak Jump Overcall that will get you much too high. A better approach is to ask for more information from partner. The bid that asks is 2NT. Partner replies 3♦. What do you bid now? [BID 4♠]

Partner's 3♦ bid tells you two things. One, he is in the top half of his 6-11 point range. Two, he has a high card (Ace or King) in ♦s. When you construct a hand for him which contains 6 pretty good ♠s and the ♦A you come up with a hand which will probably make game. Bid 4♠.