

**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


 ♠ Q 9 6 2  
 ♥ 9 5 2  
 ♦ K 9  
 ♣ 9 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	All Pass	

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

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**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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

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

♠ 8 5 3

♥ J 3

♦ T 8 5 3 2

♣ T 8 7

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

4 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 2  
EAST has an opening hand, 15 points and five  
But NORTH beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1 .

WEST has 11 points, and if EAST 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.

EAST 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**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A T 5 3  
♥ T 7 5  
♦ Q 8  
♣ A 8 6 2

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

N
W
E
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♠ K 9 8 6  
♥ 4  
♦ A K 7 3  
♣ K Q 7 5

♠ 2  
♥ Q J 6  
♦ J T 9 6 5 2  
♣ T 4 3

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

4 ♠ by East

Baker Bidpractice/Set10.4  
EAST 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.

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

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

he bids 4 .