

Deal 1

East Deals	♠ Q J 2
None Vul	♥ A K 4 3
	♦ 7 4
	♣ K Q 8 2
♠ 7 6 5 4	♠ A 10
♥ 10 9 5	♥ Q J 8 2
♦ 10 9 6 2	♦ A J 8 3
♣ 10 9	♣ 5 4 3
15 o 12 13	♠ K 9 8 3 ♥ 7 6 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ A J 7 6



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

SOUTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

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NORTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

SOUTH now cue-bids

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to show opening hand strength.

NORTH shows his

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suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

SOUTH shows her â™ suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

NORTH shows his â™£ suit, SOUTH likes it fine, but decides 3 NT will be easier than 5â™£.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul
 ♠ A J 10 7 4
 ♥ A 7 3
 ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8
 ♥ K 10 8 4
 ♦ Q 10 9 3
 ♣ A J 8 3

10
 13 6
 11

♠ 9 6
 ♥ Q 6 5
 ♦ J 7 5 4
 ♣ K 10 6 2

♠ K Q 5 3 2

♥ J 9 2
 ♦ K 2
 ♣ Q 7 4

West North East South
 Pass Pass Pass
 1 ♠ by South

WEST would have had a great opening 1♦ bid. But when SOUTH opened 1♦

in front of him he was hornswaggled. He couldn't bid any other suit, he couldn't bid 1 NT

and he sure couldn't bid ♠ s. So he must pass.

And so does everybody else pass.

Deal 3
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
♥ K Q 10 9 6
♦ A J 5 2
♣ Q 10 8

8
12 12
8

West

Pass
3 ♠ by South

♠ A 8 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ K 9 8 6
♣ 7 5 3

N
W E
S

♠ 10 4
♥ A 8 3
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A K J 9 4

♠ K Q J 9 7 5 3
♥ 7 4
♦ Q 3
♣ 6 2

North

Pass

1 ♣

3 ♠

If East had passed, SOUTH would have opened with a preemptive 3 \hat{a} TM.

She should make the same bid with the same hand AFTER the opponents open. And she makes it

for the same reason, to describe her hand and to take away bidding space from the opponents.

NORTH treats it just like a Preemptive 3-bid, even though it is now called a Weak Jump Overcall.

In this case, NORTH passes.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
♥ K 10 9 7 2
♦ Q 7 2
♣ K Q 7 2

6
10 14
10

West

Pass
1 ♠ by South

♠ K 7 2
♥ Q J 5 4
♦ 6 3
♣ 9 8 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ Q 6 4 3
♥ A 8
♦ K 9 4
♣ A J 10 5

♠ A J 10 8 5
♥ 6 3
♦ A J 10 8 5
♣ 3

North
Pass

East
1 ♣

South
Pass

SOUTH has 12 points, but with two 5-card suits worthy of an overcall. There isn't really a

right and wrong here, but it usually works out best to overcall in the higher-ranking suit. That

leaves open the possibility of bidding the second suit later.

In this Deal, after SOUTH overcalls 1^{â™}, that later possibility never happens because

everybody should pass.