

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ A J 8 3
♣ 5 4 3

13
12 0
15

West
1 ♦
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass
3 NT by North

♠ K 9 8 3
♥ 7 6
♦ K Q 5
♣ A J 7 6



♠ Q J 2
♥ A K 4 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q 8 2

North

Pass
2 ♦
2 ♠
3 NT

East

Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

South

Dbl
2 ♥
3 ♣
Pass

♠ 7 6 5 4
♥ 10 9 5
♦ 10 9 6 2
♣ 10 9

NORTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

âTM!

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SOUTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

NORTH now cue-bids

âTM!

to show opening hand strength.

SOUTH shows his

âTM¥

suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

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

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

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

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

6
 10 11
 13

West

Pass

1 ♠ by East

♠ 9 6

♥ Q 6 5

♦ J 7 5 4

♣ K 10 6 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ A J 10 7 4

♥ A 7 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ 9 5

North

Pass

East

1 ♠

South

Pass

SOUTH would have had a great opening
 1^{â™™} bid. But when EAST opened 1^{â™™}

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 ^{â™™}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

♠ K Q J 9 7 5 3
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ 6 2

North

Pass

East

1 ♣

Pass

South

3 ♠

If East had passed, SOUTH would have opened with a preemptive 3TM.

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 10 8 5		♠ K 7 2
♥ 6 3		♥ Q J 5 4
♦ A J 10 8 5		♦ 6 3
♣ 3		♣ 9 8 6 4

10
10 6
14

♠ Q 6 4 3
♥ A 8
♦ K 9 4
♣ A J 10 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
1 ♠ by West			Pass

WEST 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 WEST overcalls 1^{â™™}, that later possibility never happens because

everybody should pass.