

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 6 4 2
♥ A 7
♦ J 7 2
♣ A 8

♠ 9
♥ K Q J 10 6 3
♦ A 8 5
♣ Q 10 4

16
12 4
8

N
W
S
E

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 9 4
♦ 10 9 6 4
♣ K J 5 3

♠ K 7 5
♥ 8 5 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ 9 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Dbl	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

There is only one reason that NORTH should not overcall with 1 \hat{a} TM. He is too strong.

The maximum strength of an overcall is 16 points. Above that you should double.

So NORTH doubles, and after SOUTH bids 2 \hat{a} TM, NORTH bids 2 \hat{a} TM. This shows an overcall

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

SOUTH has fine trump support and 8 points so she bids a confident 4 \hat{a} TM.

Deal 2

North Deals	♠ A 10
None Vul	♥ Q J 8 2
	♦ A J 8 3
	♣ 5 4 3
♠ Q J 2	♠ K 9 8 3
♥ A K 4 3	♥ 7 6
♦ 7 4	♦ K Q 5
♣ K Q 8 2	♣ A J 7 6



12	♠ 7 6 5 4
15	♥ 10 9 5
o	♦ 10 9 6 2
	♣ 10 9

<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 East			

like it.

WEST shows his $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ell$ suit, EAST likes it fine, but decides 3 NT will be easier than 5 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ell$.

EAST has 13 points but has no bid over 1

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ell$

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WEST can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

EAST now cue-bids

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ell$

to show opening hand strength.

WEST shows his

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\Psi$

suit, EAST doesn't like it.

EAST shows her \hat{a}^{TM} suit, WEST doesn't

Deal 3

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

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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 4	♠ 6		
South Deals	♥ K Q 10 9 6		
None Vul	♦ A J 5 2		
	♣ Q 10 8		
♠ K Q J 9 7 5 3	♠ A 8 2		
♥ 7 4	♥ J 5 2		
♦ Q 3	♦ K 9 8 6		
♣ 6 2	♣ 7 5 3		
	♠ 10 4		
8 8	♥ A 8 3		
12	♦ 10 7 4		
	♣ A K J 9 4		
West	North	East	South
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 ♠ by West			1 ♣

If South had passed, WEST 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.

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

In this case, EAST passes.

Deal 5West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 4 3
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ K 9 4
 ♣ A J 10 5

10
14 **10**
 6

West North East South
 1♣ 1♠ Pass Pass
 Pass
 1♣ by North

♠ A J 10 8 5
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ A J 10 8 5
 ♣ 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ 9
 ♥ K 10 9 7 2
 ♦ Q 7 2
 ♣ K Q 7 2

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ Q J 5 4
 ♦ 6 3
 ♣ 9 8 6 4

NORTH 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 NORTH overcalls 1 \hat{A} TM, that later possibility never happens because

everybody should pass.