

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6 3 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ A T 7 4 2
 ♣ K 6 3

♠ T 7

♥ K Q 6 2

♦ K 8 5

♣ 8 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♠	All Pass	

2 ♠ by North

Baker Overcalls 13

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

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.

Board 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T
♥ 5 4 2
♦ K Q 7 4 2
♣ A 9 4

♠ 9 7 5

♥ K Q J 9 7

♦ 8 3

♣ K 5 2

	N		♠ 4 2
W		W	♥ A T 8 6
	S		♦ A J T 9
E			♣ J 8 3

♠ A K J 8 6 3
♥ 3
♦ 6 5
♣ Q T 7 6

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker Overcalls 14

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

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?

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

Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 4
♥ 9 6 5 3
♦ Q T 9 4
♣ K 8 2

♠ K Q J 9 7 3

♥ Q

♦ A 8 7 2

♣ T 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 2
♥ T 7 2
♦ J 5
♣ A Q J 7 6 3

♠ T 8 5
♥ A K J 8 4
♦ K 6 3
♣ 9 5

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Overcalls 15

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

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

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.

Board 4

East Deals
Both Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7 5 4
♥ Q J
♦ K Q 8 2
♣ 9 4 2

♠ J T 9
♥ K T 7 3
♦ A J T
♣ A Q 5

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

3♥ by North

Baker Overcalls 16

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

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?

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