

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 4
♥ A 8 3
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A K J 9 4

8
12 12
8

West

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♠ by North

♠ K Q J 9 7 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 6 2



♠ A 8 2

♥ J 5 2

♦ K 9 8 6

♣ 7 5 3

North

3 ♠

East

Pass

South

Pass

♠ 6
♥ K Q 10 9 6
♦ A J 5 2
♣ Q 10 8

If West had passed, NORTH 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.

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

In this case, SOUTH passes.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

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

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

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 6
 ♥ Q 8 6 3
 ♦ 9 8 4 3
 ♣ 8 5

16
 4 12
 8

West

Pass

1 ♠ by North

♠ K J 10 9 7

♥ K 10 9 5

♦ Q 6

♣ A K

N
 W E
 S

♠ 4 2

♥ A J 7

♦ J 10 7 5

♣ Q 10 9 3

North

1 ♠

East

Pass

South

Pass

♠ A 5 3

♥ 4 2

♦ A K 2

♣ J 7 6 4 2

EAST has 13 points but she has to pass.

She cannot Double without support for

2[♠].

s.

She cannot bid 1NT without 2 more points.

She cannot overcall 2[♠] with a terrible suit like that.

And WEST of course must also pass.

Deal 4

South Deals ♠ —
 None Vul ♥ 10 9 4 3
 ♦ 10 9 6 4 3 2
 ♣ K 10 4

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

3
 10 14
 13

♠ A 9 7 6 5
 ♥ A 8 5
 ♦ A
 ♣ J 9 6 5

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

WEST obviously has to pass when SOUTH opens 1♠™.

EAST has a reasonable Takeout Double. She hopes WEST will name a suit and they can just

play a partscore.

You should almost always bid when partner makes a Takeout Double. Almost always. This is the one time

when you don't. WEST's 1♠™ are so good that he passes, converting the Takeout Double into a

Penalty Double.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 10
♥ 7 5 4
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A K J 7 3

11
11 2
16

West

1 ♣

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A K 8 7 2

♥ J 9 8

♦ K 7 6

♣ 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 5

♥ A K Q 2

♦ A 9 8 5

♣ 4 2

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♠

NORTH has a normal overcall of 1^{â™™} .

SOUTH has a really good hand, but he doesn't have to worry about missing a slam since NORTH will

not have more than 16 points. So he just bids what he thinks NORTH can make, 4^{â™™} .

Deal 6

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 7
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ A 4 2
♣ Q 3 2

11
14 6
9

West

1 ♦

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ K Q 3
♥ K Q J 5 3
♦ 9 6 5
♣ 10 6



♠ 10 6 5
♥ 8 4
♦ K J 10 3
♣ A J 8 4

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

NORTH has 12 points and a good enough suit to overcall 1

â™Œ

.

SOUTH has 9 points with a good

â™Œ

stopper. She bids 1 NT.

NORTH has nothing more to say, and lets SOUTH play 1 NT.