

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

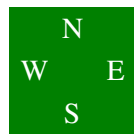
♠ 9 3
 ♥ K Q J 9 6
 ♦ T 9 5 4
 ♣ K Q

♠ A Q J 6 4 2

♥ A 7

♦ J 7 2

♣ A 8



♠ T 8

♥ T 4 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ J T 5 4 3

♠ K 7 5

♥ 8 5 2

♦ K Q 3

♣ 9 7 6 2

West

1 ♥

Pass

All Pass

North

Dbl

2 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

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There is only one reason that NORTH should not overcall with 1 . 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 , NORTH bids 2 . 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 .

Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ T 7 5
 ♥ J T 9 5 2
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ 9 5 3

♠ Q J 2
 ♥ A K 4 3
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ K Q 8 2

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♠ A 6 4
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ A J T 8 3 2
 ♣ T 4

♠ K 9 8 3
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ A J 7 6

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

3NT by South

decides 3NT will be easier than 5 .

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 SOUTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

NORTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

SOUTH now cue-bids

to show opening hand strength.

NORTH shows his

suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

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

NORTH shows his suit, SOUTH likes it fine, but

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 6
♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 7 5 4
♣ K T 6 2

♠ K Q 5 3 2

♥ 8 2

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ Q J



♠ A J T 7 4

♥ A 7 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ 9 5

♠ 8

♥ K J T 9 4

♦ T 9

♣ A 8 7 4 3

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

All Pass

1 ♠ by North

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EAST would have had a great opening 1 bid. But when NORTH opened 1

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

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

And so does everybody else pass.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

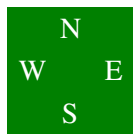
♠ T
♥ A T 8 3
♦ J T 7 5 2
♣ K J T

♠ A 8 2

♥ J 5 2

♦ K 9 8 6

♣ 7 5 3



♠ 6 4

♥ K Q 9 6

♦ A 4

♣ A Q 9 8 4

♠ K Q J 9 7 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 6 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

3 ♠

All Pass

3 ♠ by South

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

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.

Board 5

West Deals

N-S Vul

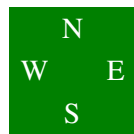
♠ 4
 ♥ A 9 8
 ♦ K Q 7 4
 ♣ A K J T 5

♠ A J T 8 5

♥ 6 3

♦ A J T 8 5

♣ 3



♠ Q 9 6 3

♥ K T 7 2

♦ 9 2

♣ Q 7 2

♠ K 7 2

♥ Q J 5 4

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 6 4

West

1 ♣

North

1 ♠

East

All Pass

South

1 ♠ by North

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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 ♠ that later possibility never happens because

everybody should pass.