

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
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♠ 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

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 7 5
♥ K Q J 9 7
♦ 8 3
♣ K 5 2

♠ 4 2

♥ A T 8 6
♦ A J T 9

♣ J 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K J 8 6 3
♥ 3
♦ 6 5
♣ Q T 7 6

♠ Q T
♥ 5 4 2
♦ K Q 7 4 2
♣ A 9 4

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

2 ♠ by West

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

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

4 ♠ by South

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

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ J T 9
♥ K T 7 3
♦ A J T
♣ A Q 5

♠ 6 2

♥ 9 4 2

♦ 9 7 4 3

♣ K J 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 8 3
♥ A 8 6 5
♦ 6 5
♣ T 7 6

♠ A 7 5 4
♥ Q J
♦ K Q 8 2
♣ 9 4 2

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

3♥ by East

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.

Board 5

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 7 5 3 2

♥ A 2

♦ J 6 2

♣ A 8 4

♠ A J 9

♥ T 9 4

♦ K 3

♣ Q J T 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 6

♥ 8 7 6 5 3

♦ T 8 7 4

♣ 5

♠ 8 4

♥ K Q J

♦ A Q 9 5

♣ K 9 7 2

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass			

3NT by South

Baker Overcalls 17

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

You have a sound 2-level overcall. You bid 2♣ and partner replies 2♠. What is your next bid?

Partner's cue-bid obviously forces you to bid.

Partner's hand might be very distributional, but rather than just sticking to ♣s you suggest with 2NT. This guarantees you have ♠s stopped. Partner likes your suggestion and bids 3NT.

Board 6

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K Q J T 5

♥ Q T 7

♦ A J 3

♣ 8 7

♠ 9 4 2

♥ 8 5 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 5 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 3

♥ A J 9

♦ K Q 9 7

♣ Q J T 6

♠ A 7 6

♥ K 6 3

♦ T 5 4

♣ A K 9 3

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

3 NT by West

Baker Overcalls 18

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

Balanced hand, poor support for partner's suit, stoppers in their suit and 13 points. You couldn't get a better hand to jump to 2NT. Partner takes you to 3NT.