

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ J 6 5

♠ K J T 8 2

♥ T 4

♦ 3

♣ Q T 9 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 6 4
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 2
♣ A 8 4 3

♠ 5 3
♥ K 8 6 5
♦ A Q J T 6 4
♣ K

West North East South
1♦

All Pass

1♦ by South

Baker Overcalls 1

The bidding has been as shown. It is your turn. Decide what you would say, then on "" above.

You have 14 points but so what. You have no 5-card suit to Overcall. You cannot make a Takeout Double with 4 of their suit. So you pass. It is important to realize that there are hands you would open but cannot overcall with.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q J 8 6 4

♥ 4

♦ T 5

♣ K T 9 4 2

♠ A 7 5 3

♥ K T 9 3

♦ K 9 6 4

♣ 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K
♥ 8 6 2
♦ A 8 3 2
♣ A Q J 7 3

♠ T 9 2
♥ A Q J 7 5
♦ Q J 7
♣ 8 6

West	North	East	South
		1♣	1♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

3♥ by North

Baker Overcalls 2

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

With four trumps and 12 points you have a text-book raise to 3♥. Partner had a minimum overcall though, so he passed.

Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 6 5 2

♥ T 6 4

♦ T 9 2

♣ J 7

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ K 8 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J

♥ 9 2

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A K Q T 2

♠ T 9

♥ A Q J 7 5

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ 6 5

West	North	East	South
		1♣	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

2♥ by North

Baker Overcalls 3

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

With 12 points and a good suit you have a very solid overcall so you bid 1♥. Partner responds 2♥. What do you say?

Partner is showing 6-10 points and three trumps. Your hand revalues to 14 at most so you pass.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 8 5 4 3 2

♥ Q 7 6

♦ J 3

♣ J T

♠ 6

♥ K J 9 4 3

♦ K 9 4

♣ 8 7 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A

♥ A T 5 2

♦ A T 8 7 5

♣ A K 2

♠ K Q J 9 7

♥ 8

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 9 4 3

West

North

East

South

1♦

1♠

All Pass

1 ♠ by South

Baker Overcalls 4

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

You really don't like partner's ♠s, and you do have 8 points. But 8 points is not enough to be considering game, and you would have to bid your ♥s at the 2-level. All things considered it is better to pass while you still aren't doubled.

Board 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 3

♥ 4

♦ K 9 8 6 4 3

♣ K Q 9 7

♠ J 7 5 2

♥ A 8 6 3

♦ A T 2

♣ T 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 8 6 4

♥ T 9

♦ 5

♣ A J 8 4 2

♠ T 9

♥ K Q J 7 5 2

♦ Q J 7

♣ 6 5

West	North	East	South
		1♠	2♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

3♥ by North

Baker Overcalls 5

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

You overcall 2♥ and hear partner raise you to 3♥. What do you say now?

No matter how many times you check this hand you cannot revalue it any more than 13 points. Since partner has T at the most you reluctantly pass.

Board 6

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 4
♥ Q 6 5
♦ K J 6 2
♣ J 6 5 4

♠ J 8 3

♥ A J 9 2

♦ T 7

♣ 9 8 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A Q 8 4
♣ A Q T

♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K T 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

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

2 ♠ by North

Baker Overcalls 6

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

With only 7 points you might not think you have enough to make a "free bid". But in competitive bidding situations like these, where both sides have a fit, bidding is usually better than passing. So you bid 2♠.

You might look at the Law of Total Tricks lesson for more on this subject.