

**Board 1**

East Deals

None Vul

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

♠ 9 7

♥ K 8 7 4

♦ T 8 6

♣ K T 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 3

♥ J 5 2

♦ A K J 4 3

♣ 8 7

♠ 8 5 2

♥ A Q T 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A Q 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

1 ♥

All Pass

3 ♥ by North

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Compare this with Deal 8.

NORTH has 7 points, barely enough for a 2

raise if there had been no overcall.

But when WEST puts in the bid, NORTH can jump  
to 3

as a preemptive

measure. He knows SOUTH won't think he has  
strength because he did not make a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH does know it and passes 3

**Board 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 5  
 ♥ T 8 7 5 2  
 ♦ J T 8  
 ♣ Q 5

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4

♥ Q J

♦ A K Q 5 4 2

♣ 9 7 6 3

♠ A K 9 7 3

♥ 6 4

♦ 6 3

♣ K J T 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♦

Pass

3♠

Pass

4♠

All Pass

4♠ by North

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NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠ but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH in fact had a pretty good overcall so he jumps to 3♠ and NORTH bids the game.

With a weak overcall SOUTH would have just returned to 2♠ which NORTH would pass.

**Board 3**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 5  
 ♥ T 7 2  
 ♦ T 6 5 4  
 ♣ J T 5

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ A K 9 3

♦ 9 7

♣ A 8 2



♠ 4

♥ Q J 8

♦ A K J 8 2

♣ K Q 9 4

♠ A K 9 7 3

♥ 6 5 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 7 6 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♦

Pass

2♠

All Pass

2♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set 11 11  
 Compare this to Deal 10.

NORTH has the strength for a raise to game in ♠ but this could be dangerous since SOUTH

has overcalled rather than opened. Instead, NORTH shows her strength with a Support Cue-bid.

SOUTH has very minimal overcall so he just bids 2♠ which NORTH passes.

**Board 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K J T 9 3

♥ 4 2

♦ 9 6

♣ T 7 3

♠ Q 7 5

♥ Q J 9 3

♦ A T 8 2

♣ Q 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 4 2

♥ 6 5

♦ 7 5 3

♣ J 9 5 4 2

♠ 8

♥ A K T 8 7

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A K 6

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

2 ♠

Pass

4NT

Pass

5 ♦

Pass

6 ♥

All Pass

6 ♥ by South

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SOUTH has a maximum 1

opening bid.

NORTH would have made a Limit Raise in

s, but after WEST's overcall she

makes a Support Cue-bid instead.

SOUTH thinks there may be a slam and bids 4NT  
Blackwood to check for Aces. When NORTH admits  
to one Ace

SOUTH bids the slam.