

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ T 5
 ♥ A K Q J 4 3
 ♦ J 5 3 2
 ♣ 3

♠ A K J 7 4

♥ 8 7

♦ A 7 6

♣ Q 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 3

♥ T 6

♦ Q T 8 4

♣ A K J T 7

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ 9 5 2

♦ K 9

♣ 9 8 6 2

West

1 ♥

North

1 ♠

East

All Pass

South

1 ♠ by North

points, SOUTH just passes.

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 1

NORTH has an opening hand, 15 points, and a 5-card suit. Unfortunately WEST beat her to

the punch by opening 1

.

But NORTH should get into the bidding anyway, by Overcalling 1 This shows a good suit

and somewhere between 9 and 16 points.

SOUTH has 6 points. If NORTH had actually OPENED 1 SOUTH would be obligated to bid. But knowing that

the Overcall will not be made with more than 16

Board 2
 East Deals
 None Vul

♠ 8 5 3
 ♥ J 3
 ♦ T 8 5 3 2
 ♣ T 8 7

♠ Q 9 6 2
 ♥ T 5 2
 ♦ K Q 4
 ♣ K J 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T
 ♥ A K Q 9 6 4
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ A 9 3 2

♠ A K J 7 4
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ Q 5 4

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 2

SOUTH has an opening hand, 15 points and five s.
 But EAST beat him to the punch,

so he overcalls 1 .

NORTH has 11 points, and if SOUTH had opened
 she would make a Limit Raise to 3 .

But when replying to an Overcall, the strength needs
 to be a little higher. In Deal 1 it was OK to

pass a 1 Overcall with 6 points, here it is correct to
 just raise to 2 with 11 points.

SOUTH actually has a strong Overcall so he bids 4 .

Board 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
 ♥ A K J 9 3
 ♦ 5 4 2
 ♣ A Q T 9

♠ A K J 7 4

♥ 8 7

♦ 9 7 6

♣ J 5 4



♠ T 5 3
 ♥ Q 6 4
 ♦ Q J T 8 3
 ♣ 7 3

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ T 5 2

♦ A K

♣ K 8 6 2

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

3 ♠ by South

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 3

This time NORTH has just 10 points, nowhere near an opening hand. Still, when WEST opens

1

NORTH should Overcall 1 This shows a good suit and somewhere between 9 and 16 points.

SOUTH has 13 points. If NORTH had actually OPENED 1 SOUTH would insist on game. But NORTH didn't

Open, she just Overcalled. So SOUTH must be more cautious. He jumps to 3 and NORTH shows her

minimum type hand by passing.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 7 4
 ♥ A K 9 8 3 2
 ♦ 4
 ♣ J 9

♠ K 9 8 6

♥ 4

♦ A K 7 3

♣ K Q 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 2

♥ Q J 6

♦ J T 9 6 5 2

♣ T 4 3

♠ A T 5 3

♥ T 7 5

♦ Q 8

♣ A 8 6 2

West

1 ♥

Pass

North

Dbl

4 ♠

East

Pass

All Pass

South

2 ♠

4 ♠ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 4

NORTH has 15 points, a singleton in the opponent's suit and 4-card support for any suit

partner might name. In other words, a perfect Takeout Double.

SOUTH needs to make a medium-strong bid to apprise NORTH of her 10 points. She jumps to 2 .

NORTH's hand is now worth 17 points because of the singleton. Since he is quite happy with

he bids 4 .

Board 5

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9
♥ K 8 5
♦ A T 9 7 5
♣ Q T 3

♠ 7 6 4 2

♥ 7 6 3

♦ 8 6 4

♣ J 9 8



♠ A Q J T 8

♥ Q T 9

♦ 3 2

♣ A 6 5

♠ 5 3

♥ A J 4 2

♦ K Q J

♣ K 7 4 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

2♣

1♠

All Pass

Dbl

2♣ by North

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 5

SOUTH has 14 points, a doubleton in the opponent's
suit and at least three cards in

each of the other suits. This is a normal Takeout
Double.

NORTH has a really awful hand. He has just one
point and his only 4-card suit is the one the

opponents have already bid. He wants nothing more
than to pass.

But he cannot pass. Partner's Double said "Bid your
best suit.", so he bids 2 .

Mercifully SOUTH also passes.

Board 6
West Deals
E-W Vul

♠ K 6 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 6 4 2
♣ K Q 9 7

♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ K Q T 5
♦ A K 3
♣ 4 2

N

W E

S

♠ A J T 7
♥ J 7
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ A 8 3

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

4 ♠ by North

NORTH agrees with and bids game, 4 .

Baker Bidpractice/Set10 6
With 14 points, shortage, and support for the other suits NORTH makes a Takeout Double.

SOUTH has 13 points so she bids 2 This is an artificial bid, apprising NORTH of SOUTH's opening hand strength, and forcing the partnership to reach the game level.

NORTH suggests

s as trumps.

SOUTH doesn't like

s so she suggests s.