

**Deal 2**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ K J T 8 2  
♥ T 4  
♦ 3  
♣ Q T 9 7 2

7  
6 13  
14

♠ Q 7 6 4  
♥ J 7 2  
♦ 9 2  
♣ A 8 4 3



♠ A 9  
♥ A Q 9 3  
♦ K 8 7 5  
♣ J 6 5

♠ 5 3  
♥ K 8 6 5  
♦ A Q J T 6 4  
♣ K

West

North

East  
1 ♦

South  
All Pass

1 ♦ by East

**Baker Overcalls 1**

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

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.

**Deal 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K  
♥ 8 6 2  
♦ A 8 3 2  
♣ A Q J 7 3

10  
14 6  
10

♠ T 9 2  
♥ A Q J 7 5  
♦ Q J 7  
♣ 8 6



♠ A 7 5 3  
♥ K T 9 3  
♦ K 9 6 4  
♣ 5

♠ Q J 8 6 4  
♥ 4  
♦ T 5  
♣ K T 9 4 2

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

3 ♥ by South

**Baker Overcalls 2**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
What do you say? [BID 3 ♥]

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

**Deal 4**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 8 6 5 2  
♥ T 6 4  
♦ T 9 2  
♣ J 7

7  
4 18  
11

♠ A 7 4 3  
♥ K 8 3  
♦ 6 3  
♣ 9 8 4 3



♠ T 9  
♥ A Q J 7 5  
♦ A 8 7 5  
♣ 6 5

♠ Q J  
♥ 9 2  
♦ K Q J 4  
♣ A K Q T 2

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.  
[BID 1 ♥]

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

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

**Deal 5**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A  
♥ A T 5 2  
♦ A T 8 7 5  
♣ A K 2

10  
19 4  
7

♠ K Q J 9 7

♥ 8

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 9 4 3



♠ 6

♥ K J 9 4 3

♦ K 9 4

♣ 8 7 6 5

♠ T 8 5 4 3 2

♥ Q 7 6

♦ J 3

♣ J T

**Baker Overcalls 4**

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

What do you say? [BID pass]

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.

West

1 ♦

North

1 ♠

East

All Pass

South

1 ♠ by North

**Deal 6**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 3  
♥ 4  
♦ K 9 8 6 4 3  
♣ K Q 9 7

9  
10 12  
9

West

Pass

♠ J 7 5 2  
♥ A 8 6 3  
♦ A T 2  
♣ T 3



♠ T 9  
♥ K Q J 7 5 2  
♦ Q J 7  
♣ 6 5

North

3♥

East

1♠

All Pass

South

2♥

**Baker Overcalls 5**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
[BID 2♥]

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

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.

3♥ by North

**Deal 7**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 6 2  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ A Q 8 4  
♣ A Q T

13  
14 7  
6

West  
1 ♦  
All Pass

♠ A K 9 7 5  
♥ K T 3  
♦ 9 5 3  
♣ K 7



♠ J 8 3  
♥ A J 9 2  
♦ T 7  
♣ 9 8 3 2

North  
1 ♠

East  
2 ♦

South  
2 ♠

2 ♠ by South

**Baker Overcalls 6**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
What do you say? [BID 2 ♠]

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.

**Deal 8**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6 5  
♥ T 7 6 2  
♦ K J 9 2  
♣ A J 6

12  
9 11  
8

♠ K 8 4 2  
♥ A 9 3  
♦ T 5  
♣ K Q 9 3



♠ Q J T 9 3  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 2

♠ A 7  
♥ J 8 5  
♦ A Q 7 4  
♣ T 7 5 4

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

3 ♠ by North

**Baker Overcalls 7**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
[BID 1 ♠]

You have enough for a 1-level Overcall so you bid 1 ♠. Partner says 3 ♠. What do you say now? [BID pass]

The jump raise tells you partner has 11-14 points.

With your minimum it's going to have to be better than that to get you excited. So you pass.

**Deal 9**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ T  
♥ A K Q 9 8  
♦ J 5 3  
♣ A K Q 9

8  
19 6  
7

West  
1 ♥  
All Pass

♠ A Q J 6 4  
♥ 3  
♦ 9 8 6 2  
♣ J 8 2



♠ K 8 7 5 3  
♥ 7 5 2  
♦ A  
♣ 7 5 4 3

North  
1 ♠

East  
3 ♥

South  
4 ♠

**Baker Overcalls 8**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
What do you say? [BID 4 ♠]

You have 10 points, but in cases like this points don't matter that much. They MIGHT be able to make 4 ♥. Partner MIGHT be able to make 4 ♠. This preemptive jump takes the decision away from them.

Looking at the hands you can see that partner is going to go down 1 at 4 ♠. However, that is an excellent result since they appear to be cold for 5 ♥.

4 ♠ by South



**Deal 10**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 8 2  
♥ J 6 2  
♦ J 8 7 2  
♣ Q 8 3

11  
4 11  
14

West

Pass  
All Pass

North

3♥

East

1♣  
Pass

South

1♥  
4♥

♠ A J 7 6  
♥ Q 9 7 3  
♦ A 5 4  
♣ 9 2



♠ 5 3  
♥ A K T 8 4  
♦ K 6 3  
♣ A 5 4

♠ K Q T 4  
♥ 5  
♦ Q T 9  
♣ K J T 7 6

**Baker Overcalls 9**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
[BID 1♥]

Nice hand. But not nice enough to double, then bid your ♥s. So you overcall 1♥. Partner says 3♥. It is your bid. [BID 4♥]

The jump raise promises 11-14 points. Your 17 plus partner's 11 or so takes you right up to game. You bid 4♥.

4♥ by South

**Deal 11**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 9 8 6 3  
♥ A 7 6 4  
♦ K Q  
♣ T 6

11  
11 6  
12

♠ 7 2  
♥ Q 8  
♦ J 5 2  
♣ A K J 9 7 2

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W		E
	S	

♠ J T 4  
♥ J 9 3  
♦ A 8 6 3  
♣ 8 5 4

♠ A K 5  
♥ K T 5 2  
♦ T 9 7 4  
♣ Q 3

**Baker Overcalls 10**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
What do you say? [BID 2NT]

Partner has at least 11 points for his 2-level overcall. He might have as many as 16. You have a perfect invitational hand including two sure stoppers in their suit. So you bid 2NT. Partner raises to 3NT and you get to play it there.

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

3NT by North

**Deal 12**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ T 7 5  
♥ 7 3 2  
♦ 8 7 6 4 2  
♣ 7 6

9  
0 13  
18

♠ A 8 3 2  
♥ K J T 6  
♦ J 9 3  
♣ T 8



♠ K Q 9  
♥ A 8 4  
♦ A T 5  
♣ K Q 9 3

♠ J 6 4  
♥ Q 9 5  
♦ K Q  
♣ A J 5 4 2

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

3NT by South

points you accept.

**Baker Overcalls 11**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
[BID 1NT]

This hand would be one point too strong to Open 1NT, but it fits the 15-18 range to Overcall 1NT. Partner responds 2♣. What do you bid? [BID 2♦]

Don't get your systems crossed. Partner did not make a cue-bid, he is using Stayman. Since you have no 4-card Major suit you answer 2♦. Partner now says 2NT and the ball is in your court. [BID 3NT]

This is just a plain old 1NT/Stayman sequence. Partner is inviting, and since you have 18

**Deal 13**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 9 2  
♥ 8 5 2  
♦ A K T 8  
♣ A 9 5

10  
12 4  
14

♠ A K T 7 5

♥ J 6

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 8 3



♠ Q 8 6 3

♥ A K Q 7

♦ 6 5

♣ K T 6

♠ 4

♥ T 9 4 3

♦ Q J 4 3

♣ J 7 4 2

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

4 ♠ by South

**Baker Overcalls 12**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
What do you say? [BID 2 ♦]

Wow! Great ♠ support and 15 points. You cue-bid 2 ♦, forcing partner to bid. He says 2 ♠. Your turn. [BID 4 ♠]

Partner has not made a strong bid and it is possible that T tricks will be too high. But it is pretty likely that game can be made so you bid it. Be bold!

**Deal 14**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ A T 7 4 2  
♣ K 6 3

8  
11 13  
8

♠ T 7  
♥ K Q 6 2  
♦ K 8 5  
♣ 8 7 4 2



♠ K Q J 9 8 4  
♥ 8 4  
♦ Q 6 3  
♣ 9 5

♠ 5  
♥ A J T 9 7 3  
♦ J 9  
♣ A Q J T

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

2 ♠

All Pass

2 ♠ by South

**Baker Overcalls 13**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
[BID 2 ♠]

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.

**Deal 15**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q T  
♥ 5 4 2  
♦ K Q 7 4 2  
♣ A 9 4

9  
11 10  
10

♠ 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

♠ A K J 8 6 3  
♥ 3  
♦ 6 5  
♣ Q T 7 6

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

2 ♠ by North

**Baker Overcalls 14**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
What do you say? [BID 1 ♠]

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? [BID pass]

You expect partner to have three trumps, but he has made a minimum bid. So you take the conservative route and pass.

**Deal 16**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6 4  
♥ 9 6 5 3  
♦ Q T 9 4  
♣ K 8 2

12  
5 12  
11

♠ K Q J 9 7 3  
♥ Q  
♦ A 8 7 2  
♣ T 4



♠ T 8 5  
♥ A K J 8 4  
♦ K 6 3  
♣ 9 5

♠ A 2  
♥ T 7 2  
♦ J 5  
♣ A Q J 7 6 3

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

4 ♠ by North

**Baker Overcalls 15**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
[BID 1 ♥]

You have a nice easy decision here. You overcall 1 ♥. Then partner bids 1 ♠. What do you say next? [BID 2 ♠]

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.

# Deal 17

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 7 5 4  
♥ Q J  
♦ K Q 8 2  
♣ 9 4 2

15  
12 4  
9

♠ J T 9  
♥ K T 7 3  
♦ A J T  
♣ A Q 5



♠ K Q 8 3  
♥ A 8 6 5  
♦ 6 5  
♣ T 7 6

♠ 6 2  
♥ 9 4 2  
♦ 9 7 4 3  
♣ K J 8 3

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

3 ♥ by South

## Baker Overcalls 16

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
What do you say? [BID 2 ♣]

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? [BID 3 ♥]

You have 9 points, an invitational strength hand. You bid 3 ♥, inviting partner to go to game with a maximum. He declines your invitation.



**Deal 18**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q T 6  
♥ 8 7 6 5 3  
♦ T 8 7 4  
♣ 5

15  
2    12  
11

♠ 8 4  
♥ K Q J  
♦ A Q 9 5  
♣ K 9 7 2



♠ A J 9  
♥ T 9 4  
♦ K 3  
♣ Q J T 6 3

♠ K 7 5 3 2  
♥ A 2  
♦ J 6 2  
♣ A 8 4

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

3NT by North

**Baker Overcalls 17**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
[BID 2♣]

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

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.

**Deal 19**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 7 6  
♥ K 6 3  
♦ T 5 4  
♣ A K 9 3

13  
14 0  
13

♠ K Q J T 5  
♥ Q T 7  
♦ A J 3  
♣ 8 7



♠ 8 3  
♥ A J 9  
♦ K Q 9 7  
♣ Q J T 6

♠ 9 4 2  
♥ 8 5 4 2  
♦ 8 6 2  
♣ 5 4 2

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

3NT by North

**Baker Overcalls 18**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
What do you say? [BID 2NT]

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.

**Deal 20**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2  
♥ J 4 3  
♦ J 8 2  
♣ 6 4

16  
4 12  
8

♠ A J T  
♥ Q T 7  
♦ A 7 5  
♣ K Q T 9



♠ 8 3  
♥ K 8 5  
♦ K Q T 9 6 4  
♣ 7 2

♠ K 6 5  
♥ A 9 6 2  
♦ 3  
♣ A J 8 5 3

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

3NT by North

**Baker Overcalls 19**

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
[BID 2 ♦]

With a good 6-card suit and 10 points you make a Weak Jump Overcall to 2 ♦. Partner says 2NT. What do you bid now? [BID 3 ♥]

The 2NT bid is a standard response to a Weak 2-bid. It asks for the identification of any outside high-card if the Weak 2-bidder has more than a minimum. Here you are in the top range for your bid so you show your ♥K.

That was apparently the missing link for partner, he now says 3NT.

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 7  
♥ Q 5  
♦ 9 5 3 2  
♣ A K J 5 3

9  
11 5  
15

♠ K Q T 9 3 2  
♥ 8 4 2  
♦ A 7  
♣ 9 2



♠ A 8 5  
♥ A K 7  
♦ K J 6  
♣ T 8 6 4

♠ 6 4  
♥ J T 9 6 3  
♦ Q T 8 4  
♣ Q 7

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	2 ♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

## Baker Overcalls 20

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.  
What do you say? [BID 2NT]

You might just try 4 ♠. Of course if partner has a minimum Weak Jump Overcall that will get you much too high. A better approach is to ask for more information from partner. The bid that asks is 2NT. Partner replies 3 ♦. What do you bid now? [BID 4 ♠]

Partner's 3 ♦ bid tells you two things. One, he is in the top half of his 6-11 point range. Two, he has a high card (Ace or King) in ♦s. When you construct a hand for him which contains 6 pretty good ♠s and the ♦A you come up with a hand which will probably make game. Bid 4 ♠.