

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 9 4
♦ 10 9 6 4
♣ K J 5 3

8
4 12
16

West

♠ K 7 5
♥ 8 5 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ 9 7 6 2



♠ A Q J 6 4 2
♥ A 7
♦ J 7 2
♣ A 8

*North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♣

1 ♥

Dbl

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

There is only one reason that SOUTH should not overcall with 1st TM. He is too strong.

The maximum strength of an overcall is 16 points. Above that you should double.

So SOUTH doubles, and after NORTH bids 2nd TM£, SOUTH bids 2nd TM. This shows an overcall

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

NORTH has fine trump support and 8 points so she bids a confident 4th TM.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 5 4
♥ 10 9 5
♦ 10 9 6 2
♣ 10 9

15
0 12
13

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

Dbl

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ Q J 2
♥ A K 4 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q 8 2



♠ K 9 8 3
♥ 7 6
♦ K Q 5
♣ A J 7 6

♠ A 10
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ A J 8 3
♣ 5 4 3

SOUTH has 13 points but has no bid over 1

♠TM |

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NORTH can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

SOUTH now cue-bids

♠TM |

to show opening hand strength.

NORTH shows his

♠TM ¥

suit, SOUTH doesn't like it.

SOUTH shows her ♠TM suit, NORTH doesn't like it.

NORTH shows his ♠TM £ suit, SOUTH likes it fine, but decides 3 NT will be easier than 5♠TM £.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 7 4

♥ A 7 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ 9 5

10

13 6

11

West

Pass

1 ♠ by South

♠ 8

♥ K 10 8 4

♦ Q 10 9 3

♣ A J 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 5 3 2

♥ J 9 2

♦ K 2

♣ Q 7 4

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

1 ♠

WEST would have had a great opening
1^{â™™} bid. But when SOUTH opened 1^{â™™}

in front of him he was hornswaggled. He
couldn't bid any other suit, he couldn't
bid 1 NT

and he sure couldn't bid ^{â™™}s. So he must
pass.

And so does everybody else pass.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 2

♥ J 5 2

♦ K 9 8 6

♣ 7 5 3

♠ 6

♥ K Q 10 9 6

♦ A J 5 2

♣ Q 10 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 4

♥ A 8 3

♦ 10 7 4

♣ A K J 9 4

♠ K Q J 9 7 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 6 2

8

12 12

8

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♠

3 ♠ by South

If East had passed, SOUTH would have opened with a preemptive 3[♠].

She should make the same bid with the same hand AFTER the opponents open. And she makes it

for the same reason, to describe her hand and to take away bidding space from the opponents.

NORTH treats it just like a Preemptive 3-bid, even though it is now called a Weak Jump Overcall.

In this case, NORTH passes.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9		♠ Q 6 4 3
♥ K 10 9 7 2		♥ A 8
♦ Q 7 2		♦ K 9 4
♣ K Q 7 2		♣ A J 10 5
	♠ A J 10 8 5	
	♥ 6 3	
	♦ A J 10 8 5	
	♣ 3	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠
1 ♠ by South		Pass	

SOUTH has 12 points, but with two 5-card suits worthy of an overcall. There isn't really a

right and wrong here, but it usually works out best to overcall in the higher-ranking suit. That

leaves open the possibility of bidding the second suit later.

In this Deal, after SOUTH overcalls 1^{â™™}, that later possibility never happens because

everybody should pass.