

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q J 6 4 2
♥ A 7
♦ J 7 2
♣ A 8

♠ 9
♥ K Q J 10 6 3
♦ A 8 5
♣ Q 10 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 9 4
♦ 10 9 6 4
♣ K J 5 3

16
12 4
8

♠ K 7 5
♥ 8 5 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ 9 7 6 2

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

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

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

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

type hand, but with 17 or more points.

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

Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 2
♥ A K 4 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q 8 2

12
15 13
0

West

Dbl

2 ♥

3 ♣

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ A 10
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ A J 8 3
♣ 5 4 3



♠ 7 6 5 4
♥ 10 9 5
♦ 10 9 6 2
♣ 10 9

North

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

2 ♦

2 ♠

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

EAST has 13 points but has no bid over 1

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

.

WEST can make a Takeout Double, so he does.

EAST now cue-bids

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

to show opening hand strength.

WEST shows his

 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{Y}$

suit, EAST doesn't like it.

EAST shows her \hat{a}^{TM} suit, WEST doesn't

like it.

WEST shows his $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{E}$ suit, EAST likes it fine, but decides 3 NT will be easier than $5\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\text{E}$.

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6

♥ K Q 10 9 6

♦ A J 5 2

♣ Q 10 8

♠ K Q J 9 7 5 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q 3

♣ 6 2



♠ A 8 2

♥ J 5 2

♦ K 9 8 6

♣ 7 5 3

♠ 10 4

♥ A 8 3

♦ 10 7 4

♣ A K J 9 4

12

8 8

12

West

North

East

South

3 ♠

Pass

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♠ by West

If South had passed, WEST 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.

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

In this case, EAST passes.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 4 3
♥ A 8
♦ K 9 4
♣ A J 10 5

10
14 10
6

West

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♠ by North

♠ A J 10 8 5
♥ 6 3
♦ A J 10 8 5
♣ 3



♠ K 7 2
♥ Q J 5 4
♦ 6 3
♣ 9 8 6 4

North

1 ♠

East

Pass

South

Pass

NORTH 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 NORTH overcalls 1st, that later possibility never happens because

everybody should pass.