

Deal 1

West Deals	♠ A K J 7 4
None Vul	♥ 8 7
	♦ A 7 6
	♣ Q 5 4

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

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 9 5 2
♦ K 9
♣ 9 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
1 ♠ by North			

NORTH has an opening hand, 15 points, and a 5-card \hat{a}^{TM} suit. Unfortunately WEST beat her to

the punch by opening 1

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

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But NORTH should get into the bidding anyway, by Overcalling 1 \hat{a}^{TM} . This shows a good \hat{a}^{TM} suit

and somewhere between 9 and 16 points.

SOUTH has 6 points. If NORTH had actually OPENED 1 \hat{a}^{TM} , SOUTH would be obligated to bid. But knowing that

the Overcall will not be made with more than 16 points, SOUTH just passes.

Deal 2
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ K J 6

11
11 14
4

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

N
W E
S

♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q 5 4

♠ 10 5 3
♥ 9 4
♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ A 9 7 2

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

so he overcalls 1♦.

WEST has 11 points, and if EAST 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.

EAST actually has a strong Overcall so he bids 4♦.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 3
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ Q J 8 3 2
 ♣ Q 9 7

12
5 14
9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
3 ♠ by South			

♠ Q 9 6 2
 ♥ 10 5 2
 ♦ A K
 ♣ K 8 6 2

♠ 8
 N
 W E
 S
 ♥ A K Q J 4 3
 ♦ 10 5 4
 ♣ A 10 3

♠ A K J 7 4
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ 9 7 6
 ♣ J 5 4

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

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SOUTH should Overcall 1â™ . This shows a good â™ suit

and somewhere between 9 and 16 points.

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

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

minimum type hand by passing.

Deal 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 5 3
 ♥ 10 7 5
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ A 8 6 2

11
10 **15**
 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 7 2
 ♥ A K J 9 6
 ♦ 10 9 2
 ♣ 4

♠ K 9 8 6
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A K 7 3
 ♣ K Q 7 5

♠ 4
 ♥ Q 8 3 2
 ♦ J 6 5 4
 ♣ J 10 9 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Dbl	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by West			

EAST 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.

WEST needs to make a medium-strong bid to apprise EAST of her 10 points. She jumps to 2 \hat{a} TM.

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

\hat{a} TM s he bids 4 \hat{a} TM.