

Practise Your Overcalls (UCB)

Hand: 1 Dealer: West Vul: None West North East South 1♦ 1♠ P ?	South ♠ J 7 ♥ A J 3 2 ♦ J 6 ♣ K J 5 4 2
Hand: 2 Dealer: West Vul: None West North East South 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ ?	South ♠ 9 7 5 2 ♥ 7 2 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ A K 5 4
Hand: 3 Dealer: West Vul: E/W West North East South 1♥ 1♠ 3♥ ?	South ♠ 9 7 6 5 2 ♥ 7 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ K J 5 4
Hand: 4 Dealer: West Vul: None West North East South 1♥ 1♠ P ?	South ♠ Q 9 6 2 ♥ 7 ♦ Q J 4 2 ♣ K Q 5 4
Hand: 5 Dealer: West Vul: None West North East South 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 3♠ P ?	North ♠ K Q J 8 3 ♥ 7 ♦ A J 4 2 ♣ K 9 4
Hand: 6 Dealer: West Vul: None West North East South 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 3♥ P ?	North ♠ K Q 9 8 3 ♥ 7 ♦ A Q 4 2 ♣ K 9 4
Hand: 7 Dealer: West Vul: None West North East South 2♥ 2♠ P 3♥ P ?	North ♠ K Q 8 6 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ Q J 10 2 ♣ K 9
Hand: 8 Dealer: West Vul: None West North East South 2♦ ?	North ♠ K Q 10 6 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A K J 2 ♣ A 9
Hand: 8 Dealer: West Vul: None West North East South 1♦ 2♥ P ?	South ♠ K Q 10 6 ♥ J 9 6 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A 9 8 3

Answer: Pass

We have 11 points but poor support for partner and no suit of our own worth showing. We do not have a diamond stop for a bid of 1NT.

Answer: 3♠

Bid to the level of our fit, to spoil. West will have to pass or bid 4♥, which may be too high. With a slightly stronger hand South could bid 3♥, an Unassuming Cue Bid, showing 10+ HCP and 3+ card support.

Answer: 4♠

Bid to the level of our fit, to spoil. It's very likely that our opponents can make 4♥ (vulnerable). Now they will have to bid 5♥ which may be too high.

Answer: 2♥

With 10 HCP and spade support we make a constructive Unassuming Cue Bid (UCB). A bid of 3♠ here would show a weaker hand, bidding to the level of the fit and expecting partner to pass.

Answer: Pass

14 HCP, but South is bidding to the level of the fit, to disrupt, and may be very weak. West may have been planning to invite game by bidding 3♥, and South's destructive bid has spoiled West's plan.

Answer: 4♠

South's constructive UCB promises 10+ HCP and at least 3 card spade support so with 14+ HCP North can confidently bid game.

Answer: 4♠

West has opened a weak 2♥. After South's UCB North can confidently bid game.

Answer: Double

With 16 HCP North is a little too strong for an intermediate jump overcall. South will show his best suit, and then North can bid 2♠ (Double, then Bid), a very efficient conservation of bidding space.

Answer: 3♦

North has made an intermediate jump overcall (12-15 HCP and 6+ hearts). South's 3♦ (UCB) shows around 10-11 HCP and 3+ card support. With a stronger hand South would have bid 4♥. North is now well placed to decide whether to bid 3♥ or 4♥.

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<p>Hand: 2 Dealer: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ ?</p>	<p>South ♠ 9 7 5 2 ♥ 7 2 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ A K 5 4</p>	<p>Answer:</p>
<p>Hand: 3 Dealer: West Vul: E/W</p> <p>West North East South 1♥ 1♠ 3♥ ?</p>	<p>South ♠ 9 7 6 5 2 ♥ 7 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ K J 5 4</p>	<p>Answer:</p>
<p>Hand: 4 Dealer: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South 1♥ 1♠ P ?</p>	<p>South ♠ Q 9 6 2 ♥ 7 ♦ Q J 4 2 ♣ K Q 5 4</p>	<p>Answer:</p>
<p>Hand: 5 Dealer: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 3♠ P ?</p>	<p>North ♠ K Q J 8 3 ♥ 7 ♦ A J 4 2 ♣ K 9 4</p>	<p>Answer:</p>
<p>Hand: 6 Dealer: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 3♥ P ?</p>	<p>North ♠ K Q 9 8 3 ♥ 7 ♦ A Q 4 2 ♣ K 9 4</p>	<p>Answer:</p>
<p>Hand: 7 Dealer: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South 2♥ 2♠ P 3♥ P ?</p>	<p>North ♠ K Q 8 6 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ Q J 10 2 ♣ K 9</p>	<p>Answer:</p>
<p>Hand: 8 Dealer: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South 2♦ ?</p>	<p>North ♠ K Q 10 6 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A K J 2 ♣ A 9</p>	<p>Answer:</p>
<p>Hand: 9 Dealer: West Vul: None</p> <p>West North East South 1♦ 2♥ P ?</p>	<p>South ♠ K Q 10 6 ♥ J 9 6 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A 9 8 3</p>	<p>Answer:</p>