

BC L13 Intermediate Jump Overcalls

Board 1

North Deals ♠ A 6
 None Vul ♥ K Q J 3 2
 ♦ K 7 5 3
 ♣ 6 3

♠ 7 5
 ♥ 10 9 8
 ♦ 10 8 4
 ♣ A K 10 9 4



♠ K Q 9 4 3 2
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ Q J 6
 ♣ J 8

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

 13
 7 13
 7

NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	3	4/3	7	6	3 -140
E/W	6	9	6	5	8

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	2 ♠	All pass

East's 2 ♠ overcall shows 6+ spades and opening values 11-15 HCPs. Neither South nor West have enough strength to enter the auction.

Only one trick will be lost in spades if declarer leads twice towards KQ. Four tricks will be lost to ♠ A, ♥ K, ♦ A, ♦ K.

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Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 5 3
♥ A 5 3
♦ Q 10 9
♣ 10 9 7 3

♠ A 9 7 6 4
♥ 2
♦ 8 4
♣ J 8 5 4 2



♠ K J
♥ Q J 10
♦ A J 7 6 3 2
♣ Q 6

6
5 14
15

♠ Q 8 2
♥ K 9 8 7 6 4
♦ K 5
♣ A K

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	8	6	9	5	6	+140
E/W	4	7	4	8/7	7	

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	2 ♥

All pass

South's 2♥ overcall shows 6+ hearts and opening values 11-15 HCPs. Neither West nor North have enough strength to enter the auction.

Declarer should lose only four tricks: ♠ A, ♠ K, ♥ Q, ♦ A.

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Board 3	♠ K 6 3										
South Deals	♥ 10 8 4 2										
E-W Vul	♦ Q J 7										
	♣ A J 10										
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	♣ 8 7 5										

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 8 8
 13

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	10	7	11	10	8	+450
E/W	2	6	2	3	4	

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	4 ♥	All pass	1 ♥

West is not strong enough for a jump overcall so settles for 1 ♠. North has 4-card heart support and 11 HCPs, so makes a stretch bid to 4 ♥.

The diamonds are located favourably for declarer: ♦ K is onside and ♦ 10 is in a doubleton, so it is possible to make four tricks in diamonds. The only losing tricks are ♠ A and ♣ K.

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Board 4

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ K 7 6 5 3 2
♥ J 6 5
♦ A J
♣ K Q

♠ Q
♥ K Q 9 8 7
♦ 8 5 4 3 2
♣ A J



♠ 9
♥ 10 4 3
♦ K 7 6
♣ 9 7 5 4 3 2

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12 3
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♠ A J 10 8 4
♥ A 2
♦ Q 10 9
♣ 10 8 6

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	8/10	11	5/6	6/5	6	+650
E/W	2	2	7	7	7	

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			

North's 2 ♠ overcall shows 6+ spades and opening values 11-15 HCPs. South has excellent 5-card spade support and 11 HCPs, so raises to 4 ♠.

After clearing trumps in one round, declarer can play ♣ K and ♣ Q. Note that both ♣ A and ♣ J appear from West leaving ♣ 10 as a winner which can be used to discard ♦ J from hand. This means that only two tricks will be lost to ♥ K and ♣ A.

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Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A Q J 9 5
♥ J 8
♦ J 6
♣ K Q 3 2

♠ 7 2
♥ A Q 4
♦ 7 5 4 2
♣ A 7 6 5



♠ 4 3
♥ K 9 6 2
♦ A K Q 9 8 3
♣ 4

14
10 12
4

♠ K 10 8 6
♥ 10 7 5 3
♦ 10
♣ J 10 9 8

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	3	7	3	2	8	-420
E/W	8	4	10	11	5	

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	All pass

East's 3 ♦ overcall shows 6+ diamonds and opening values 11-15 HCPs. Knowing the partnership has a 10-card diamond suit West can reduce an initial losing trick count of 8 down to 7 and bid an invitational 4 ♦. East is happy to accept the invitation and raises to 5 ♦.

After drawing trumps in two rounds, declarer can cash ♥ AKQ and ruff ♥ 2 in dummy. This leaves only two losing tricks: ♠ A and ♠ K.

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Board 6
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ A K 9
 ♥ 9 7 3
 ♦ A 8 7 3
 ♣ 10 7 4

♠ Q J 8 3
 ♥ 10 6 5
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ J 6 3



♠ 10 7 6 5
 ♥ A Q 8 4 2
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ A

11
 4 13
 12

♠ 4 2
 ♥ K J
 ♦ Q J 10
 ♣ K Q 9 8 5 2

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣	Par
N/S	8	5	5	9	10	+130
E/W	4	8/7	8	3	3	

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	3 ♣

All pass

South's 3 ♣ overcall shows 6+ clubs and opening values 11-15 HCPs. Neither West nor North have enough strength to enter the auction.

Only one trick will be lost in clubs if declarer leads twice towards KQ. Three tricks will be lost to ♥ A, ♦ K, ♣ A.