

Lesson 19

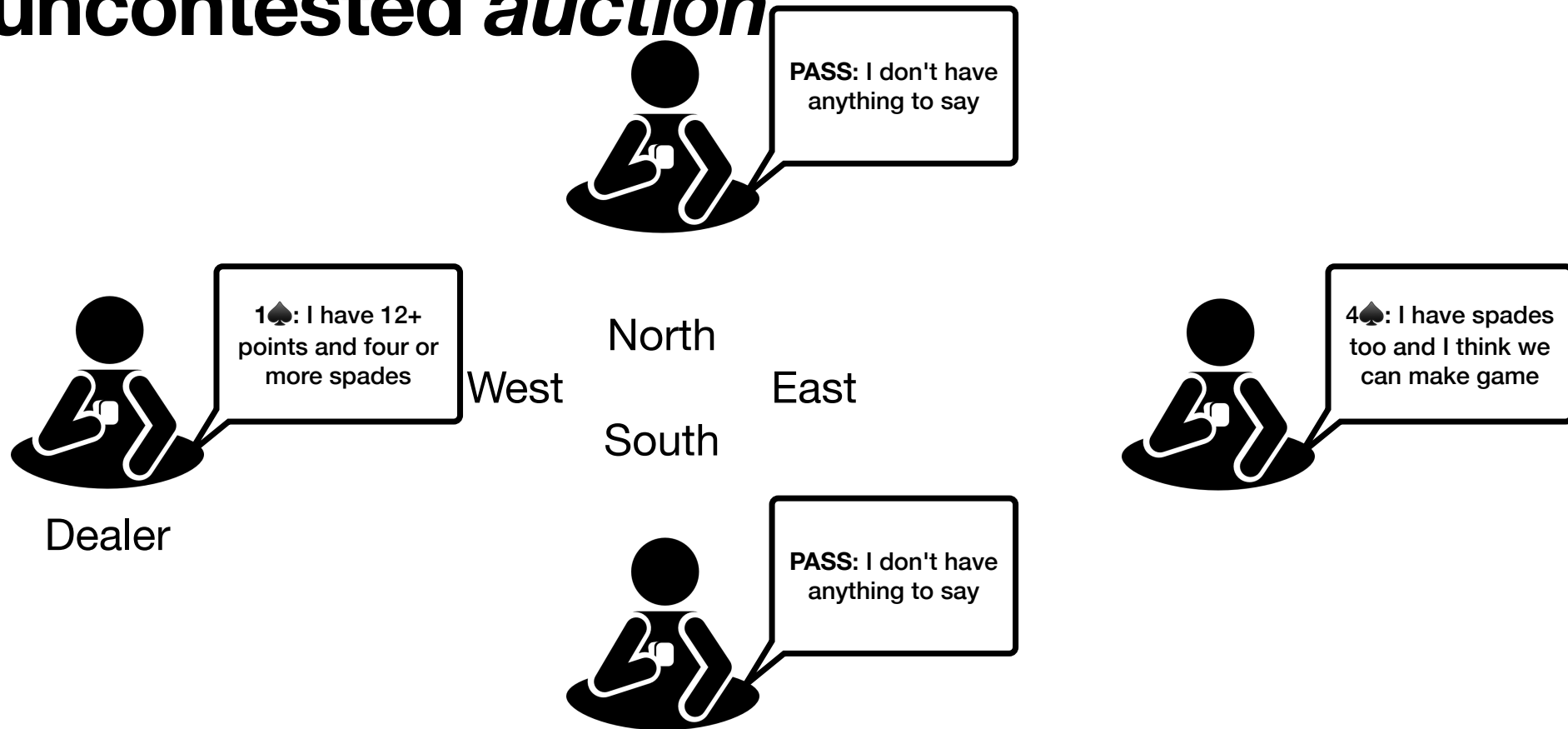
The competitive auction
Suit overcalls

Book Pages 93-95 sections 6.1

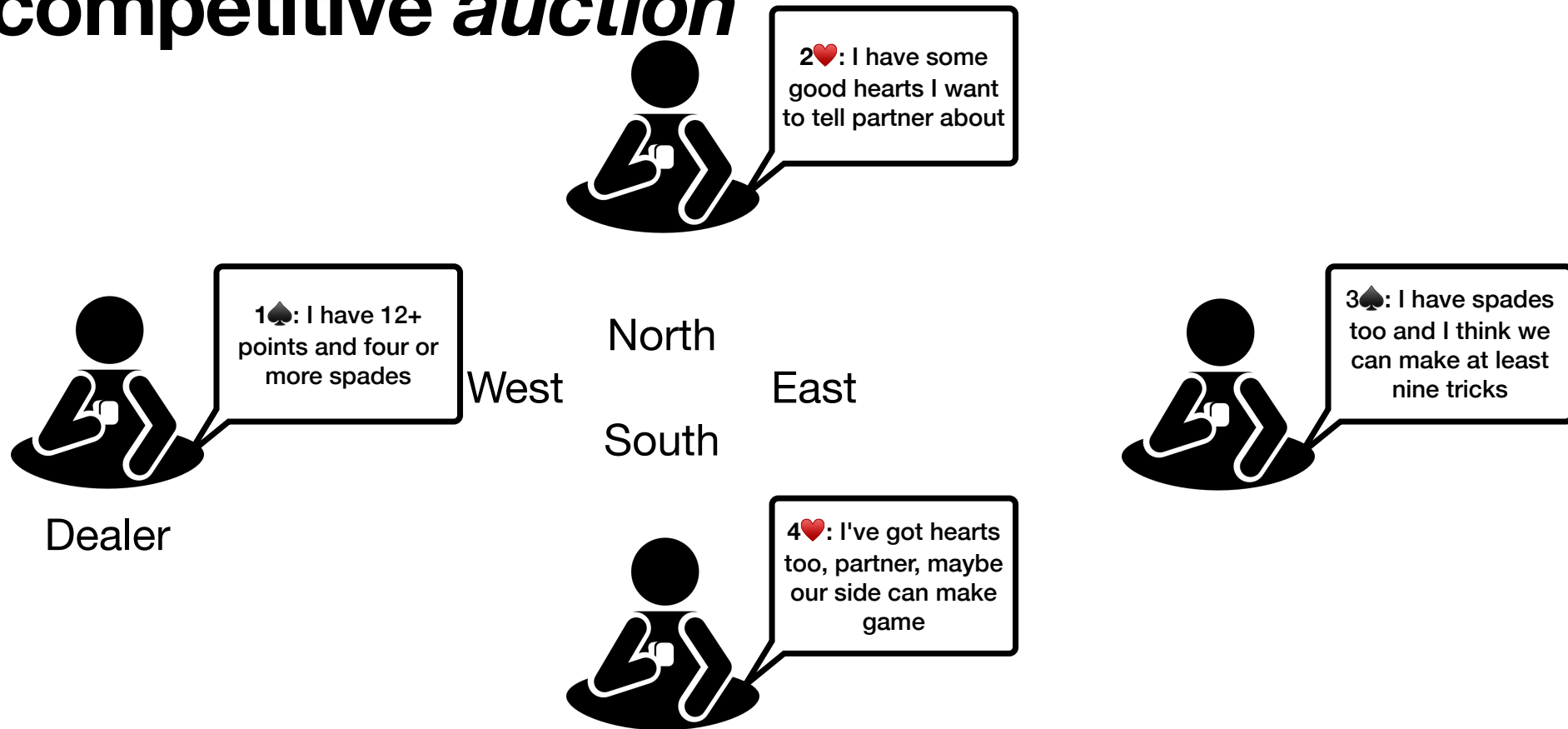
Objectives for Lesson 19

- What is an *overcall*?
- *One-level overcalls*
- *Respond to one-level overcall - with a fit*
- *Respond to one-level overcall - with a new suit*
- *Respond to one-level overcall - with NT*
- *Two-level overcalls*

The uncontested *auction*



The competitive *auktion*



What is an *overcall*?

An *overcall* is:

a *bid* after the *opposition* have
already opened the *bidding*

Why overcall?

- Your side may have more *points*
- Your side may have a better *trump suit*
- It may help *partner* in the *defence*

...Constructive

Suit overcalls

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Can you overcall?

RHO	You	LHO	Part'r
1♥	?		

Hand 1

♠ K Q 10 5 2

♥ 6

♦ 8 7 2

♣ A 9 6 3

1♠

Hand 2

♠ A K Q 5 3

♥ 4 3

♦ A K 9

♣ 10 4 2

1♠

Hand 3

♠ 10 9 7 4 2

♥ J 6 5

♦ Q 7

♣ A Q 2

Pass

Guidelines for a *one-level overcall*

- *Point* range about 8 to 16 *HCPs*
- A good ***five-card or longer suit***
- Examples of good *five-card suits*:

K Q 4 3 2	K Q 10 9 8	A Q 8 6 4	A Q 10 9 4
A J 10 8 6	K J 10 9 4	A K 10 5 2	Q J 10 5 2

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

Overcalls - to help in defence

W	N	E	S
	P	1♦	1♠
2♣	P	2♦	P
3NT	P	P	P

What does North lead?

Responding with a fit

- With three or more *cards* in *partner's suit*
- Make a *limit raise*

Responding with a *fit*

<i>Points</i>	<i>Bid</i>
0 to 5	Pass
6 to 9	<i>Raise to the two-level</i>
10 to 12	<i>Raise to the three-level</i>
13 to 15	<i>Raise to the four-level</i>

Responding with a fit

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♥	Pass	?

Hand 4

♠ 10 9 6

♥ Q 8 4

♦ K J 10 6 5

♣ Q 6

2♥

Hand 5

♠ K 5

♥ A 6 5 2

♦ K 10 7 4

♣ 6 5 4

3♥

Hand 6

♠ 10 9 7 4

♥ 2

♦ Q 7 4 3

♣ A Q 3 2

Pass

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

**Overcalls -
responding with a
fit**

W	N	E	S
		1♦	1♥
P	3♥	P	4♥
P	P	P	

Responding with a new suit

- A good *six-card* or longer *suit* (two *honours*)
- Or a very good *five-card suit* (3 of the top 4 *honours*)
- Encouraging
- Not *forcing*
- About 8 to 12 *points*

Responding with a new suit

West	North	East	South
1 	1 	Pass	?

Hand 7
 K Q J 6 3 2
 5 2
 A 8 5
 J 6
1 

Hand 8
 A J 3
 J 2
 8 3
 K Q 10 9 6 4
2 

Hand 9
 A J 4 3
 J 2
 8 3
 K J 9 6 4
Pass

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

**Overcalls -
respond in a new
suit**

W	N	E	S
			1♦
1♥	P	1♠	P
4♠	P	P	P

***Responding* in no trumps**

- *Points*
- *Stops* in the *suit* opened

Responding with a *fit* - **recap!**

<i>Points</i>	<i>Bid</i>
0 to 5	Pass
6 to 9	<i>Raise to the two-level</i>
10 to 12	<i>Raise to the three-level</i>
13 to 15	<i>Raise to the four-level</i>

Responding in no trumps

<i>Points</i>	<i>Bid</i>
0 to 8	Pass
9 to 12	<i>Bid</i> 1NT
13 to 15	<i>Bid</i> 2NT
16 to 18	<i>Bid</i> 3NT

Responding in no trumps

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♥	Pass	?

Hand 10

♠ A Q 2

♥ 10 4

♦ Q 10 9 3

♣ K 10 3 2

1NT

Hand 11

♠ A Q 2

♥ J 4

♦ Q 10 9 3

♣ K Q 3 2

2NT

Hand 12

♠ K J 2

♥ 10 4

♦ Q 9 5 3

♣ Q 8 4 2

Pass

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

**Overcalls -
respond in no
trumps**

W	N	E	S
P	P	1♦	1♥
P	1NT	P	3NT
P	P	P	

Guidelines for a two-level overcall

- *Point* range about 10 to 16 *HCPs*
- A good ***six-card or longer suit***
- Examples of good *six-card suits*:

K Q J 8 7 6	A Q 9 8 4 2	A K J 6 4 2	K J 10 8 6 2
Q J 10 8 5 2	K Q 10 9 7 6	A Q J 8 5 3	A J 10 6 4 2

Can you overcall?

West	North	East	South
1♠	?		

Hand 13

♠ 10 2

♥ Q 2

♦ K J 3

♣ K Q 10 9 7 6

2♣

Hand 14

♠ 4

♥ A J 10 8 6 3

♦ A Q 9

♣ 10 4 2

2♥

Hand 15

♠ K 8 3

♥ J 6 5

♦ A Q 9 8 7

♣ K 3

Pass

How do you continue?

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♣	Pass	?

Hand 16

♠ 7 4 3 2

♥ A Q 2

♦ K 7 6

♣ Q 6 5

2NT

Hand 17

♠ 7 2

♥ A Q 3 2

♦ A J 7 6

♣ Q 6 5

3NT

Hand 18

♠ A Q 3 2

♥ 7 4 3

♦ K 7 6

♣ Q 6 5

3♣

How do you continue?

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♥	Pass	?

Hand 19

♠ A 3 2

♥ Q 6 5

♦ K 7 6

♣ Q 4 3 2

3♥

Hand 20

♠ 3 2

♥ Q 6 5

♦ A Q 6 5

♣ A Q 4 2

4♥

Hand 21

♠ Q 3 2

♥ Q 6 5

♦ K 7 6

♣ 7 4 3 2

Pass

Responding to a two-level overcall

<i>Points</i>	<i>Bid NT with stops</i>	<i>Raise a suit with support</i>
0 to 9	Pass	Pass
10 to 12	<i>Bid 2NT</i>	<i>Raise to three-level</i>
13 to 15	<i>Bid 3NT</i>	<i>Raise to four-level</i>

Quiz

Review and Questions

- *Overcall to direct partner's lead*
- *Overcall to play the contract*
- *One-level overcall 8 to 16 points and a good 5+ card suit*
- *Two-level overcall 10 to 16 points and a good 6+ card suit*

Playing *hands*...

Homework

Read book pages:

- 93-95 Summary section 6.6

Next Time

Competing when you have no good suit to bid