

Lesson 7: Overcalls

Why Make A Competitive Bid?

- 1) Could be your hand
- 2) Interfere with opponents
- 3) Exchange info for defense

New Bids: X, XX, Cuebid

Suit Overcall:

5+ Card Suit (4+ on the 1-Level)
8-10-17 pts. (with 18+, X then bid suit)

Advancer:

0-8 pts. Pass, 1NT (with stopper)

9 - 11 pts. Raise 1-Level, Bid New Suit, Bid 2NT (with stopper)

12+ pts. Cuebid (Follow with Raise, New Suit, 3NT with stopper)

1NT Overcall:

15 - 17 pts., Balanced

Advancer:

Same Bids as if 1NT was an opening Bid

Deal #19 (7-1):

North(D)

Bidding: 1♦-1♠-P-2♦-P-3♠-P-4♠

Dealer:	♠ 5 3
North	♥ K Q 7 3
	♦ A K Q 3
	♣ 9 6 5
♠ K J 10 6	♠ A Q 9 8 7
♥ 10 8	♥ A 9 4
♦ 6 5 4	♦ J 7 2
♣ A Q J 3	♣ K 4
	♠ 4 2
	♥ J 6 5 2
	♦ 10 9 8
	♣ 10 8 7 2

Lead: ♦10

Count Losers, Discard ♥ Losers

Deal #20 (7-2):

East(D)

Bidding: 1♠-2♦-P-P-P

Dealer:	♠ 9 5 2
East	♥ J 8 7
	♦ 9 6 4
	♣ K Q 10 2
♠ 8 6	♠ K Q J 7 4
♥ A Q 4 2	♥ K 6 5
♦ 5 3 2	♦ A 7
♣ J 9 6 3	♣ 8 7 4
	♠ A 10 3
	♥ 10 9 3
	♦ K Q J 10 8
	♣ A 5

Lead: ♠8

Count Losers, Discard Loser BEFORE Trump

Deal #21 (7-3):

South(D)

Bidding: 1♦-1♥-P-2♦-P-3♣-P-4♥-P-P-P

Dealer:	♠ Q J 5 4
South	♥ 7 2
	♦ 8 6
	♣ 9 7 6 3 2
♠ 8	♠ A K 7 3
♥ K Q 10 9 8	♥ J 6 5 4
♦ 7 5 3	♦ A 9 4 2
♣ K Q J 10	♣ 5
	♠ 10 9 6 2
	♥ A 3
	♦ K Q J 10
	♣ A 8 4

Lead: ♦8

Count Losers, Discard ♦ BEFORE Trump