

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3

♥ 10 9 7 6 2

♦ 8 7 2

♣ J 5 2

16

1 11

12

♠ 7 5 2

♥ A Q

♦ A K 5 3

♣ K 10 8 3

♠ A Q

♥ K 8 5 3

♦ Q J 9 4

♣ 7 6 4

♠ K J 10 8 6 4

♥ J 4

♦ 10 6

♣ A Q 9



West	North	East	South
	1 NT	2 ♠	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

With your 12 point hand you need to force to game. It would also be nice to find out if partner has a 4-card ♥ suit. Since you have East's ♠ suit stopped, you first bid a lebensohl 2 NT.

Partner says 3 ♣. What do you bid?

NOW you cue-bid 3 ♠. This is Stayman, but with a ♠ stopper, (SLOW SHOWS). Partner says 3 NT and you pass.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ A Q 9
♣ 10 3

0
12 16
12

West

2 NT

3 ♦

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ 10 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 7 5 2



♠ A 7
♥ 10 9
♦ K J 7 4 3 2
♣ A 8 6

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ K Q 8
♥ A J 5
♦ 10 6
♣ K Q J 9 4

East

1 NT

3 ♣

3 NT

South

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

Partner's 2 NT bid requests that you bid 3 ♣, so you do.

He next says 3 ♦.

Partner has just described a hand with which he wants to play in game, which has at least one 4-card Major suit, and has ♦s stopped. He wants you to pick the game.

With no 4-card Major of your own, you pick 3 NT.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 4

♥ 7 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ K 9 7 4

♠ Q J 3

♥ K Q 10 8 5 2

♦ 4

♣ Q J 6

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♠ 10 8 6 2

♥ 4

♦ 10 9 7 3 2

♣ 8 5 3

♠ K 9 5

♥ A J 9

♦ K Q 8 5

♣ A 10 2

12
11 0
17

West

North

East

South

2 ♥

3 NT

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

With 12 points opposite partner's 15-17, this is a forcing-to-game hand. If it had not been for the ♥ overcall you would just have jumped to 3 NT.

Playing lebensohl you do the same thing, jump to 3 NT. Since you went directly to 3 NT you are telling partner you have that type of hand, but DO NOT have a ♥ stopper (DIRECT DENIES).

Partner does have them stopped so he passes.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 5

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q 10 8 3

♣ A Q 7

11
16 13
0

West

1 NT

3 ♣

Pass

3 NT by West

♠ K 6 3

♥ A Q 10 8 3 2

♦ J 6 2

♣ J



♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ 5 4

♦ 5 4

♣ 9 6 5 4 2

North

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

East

2 NT

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Partner's 2 NT bid requests that you bid 3 ♣, so you do.

He next says 3 NT.

Partner's bidding shows a hand with which he would have bid 3 NT without the overcall. Furthermore, he promises a ♥ stopper. He expects you to pass, so you do.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4 2

♥ A Q

♦ A K 5 3

♣ K 10 9 3

♠ 9

♥ J 9 7 6 5 2

♦ 8 7 2

♣ J 5 2



♠ K J 10 8 6 3

♥ 10 4

♦ 10 6

♣ A Q 8

16
2 10
12

♠ A Q 5

♥ K 8 3

♦ Q J 9 4

♣ 7 6 4

*West**North**East**South*

1 NT

2 ♠

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

With your 12 point balanced hand you know you are going to play in game. Since you have no interest in looking for a 4-4 Major suit fit you also know that game is going to be 3 NT. But you can't actually BID 3 NT, because partner would almost surely take you out to a minor suit. Remember, a DIRECT 3 NT bid DENIES a stopper in their suit. Since you have East's ♠ suit stopped, you first bid a lebensohl 2 NT.

Partner says 3 ♣. What do you bid?

You now complete the picture of your hand by bidding 3 NT. (SLOW SHOWS). Partner passes.