

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 8 2
 ♥ K Q T 8 4 2
 ♦ T
 ♣ Q 8

♠ A 7 4

♥ 7 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ K 9 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 6 3
 ♥ 5
 ♦ 9 7 4 3 2
 ♣ J 6 5 3

♠ K 9 5
 ♥ A J 9
 ♦ K Q 8 5
 ♣ A T 2

West	North	East	South
			1NT
2♥	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Leben 13

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 3NT.

Playing lebensohl you do the same thing, jump to 3NT. Since you went directly to 3NT 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.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 7

♥ A Q T 5 3 2

♦ J

♣ 9 6 5

♠ Q T 4

♥ K J 6

♦ A 9 7

♣ K T 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 6 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ 6 5 4 2
♣ J 4 2

♠ A J 5

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q T 8 3

♣ A Q 7

West	North	East	South
2♥	2NT	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣

3 NT by North

Baker Leben 14

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

He next says 3NT.

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

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J T 8 6 3

♥ 4

♦ 7 2

♣ A Q J 2

♠ A Q 5

♥ K 8 3

♦ Q J 9 4

♣ 7 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9

♥ J T 9 7 6 5 2

♦ T 8 6

♣ 8 5

♠ 7 4 2

♥ A Q

♦ A K 5 3

♣ K T 9 3

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

3 NT by North

Baker Leben 15

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 3NT. But you can't actually BID 3NT, because partner would almost surely take you out to a minor suit. Remember, a DIRECT 3NT bid DENIES a stopper in their suit. Since you have West's ♠ suit stopped, you first bid a lebensohl 2NT.

Partner says 3♣. What do you bid?

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

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 7 3
♥ 9 6 4
♦ J 8 2
♣ K 6 5

♠ -

♥ J T 8 5 3 2

♦ A T 9 4

♣ 8 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 8 5
♥ A K 7
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A 7 4

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2
♥ Q
♦ 6 5
♣ Q J T 9

West	North	East	South
		1NT	2♠
Dbl	All Pass		

2 ♠ X by South

Baker Leben 16

Playing lebensohl, when partner doubles the overcall it is for penalties.

Since you trust your partner, you pass.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 3 2
♥ 8 4 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 7 6 5 4

♠ K J 5
♥ K J 7
♦ A 9 6
♣ K Q T 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A T 9
♥ A 3
♦ K J T 7 5 4
♣ J 9

♠ Q 7 4
♥ Q T 9 6 5
♦ 8 3
♣ A 8 3

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♦	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

Baker Leben 17

With 9 points you don't want to sign-off with 2♥. But you aren't strong enough to force to game with a 3♥ bid either. So you start an invitational sequence by bidding 2NT.

Partner says 3♣. What do you bid?

Now you bid 3♥. Partner will realize you have better than a sign-off, but were not good enough to bid 3♥ immediately. He has a maximum, and he knows you have a 5-card suit, so he bids 4♥.

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4

♥ A K Q 5 3 2

♦ J 4 2

♣ 9 6

♠ A J 6 3

♥ 9 4

♦ A 8 5

♣ K J T 3


 ♠ T 8 7 2
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ T 9 6
 ♣ 8 5 2

♠ K Q 5

♥ T 8

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ A Q 7 4

West	North	East	South
2♥	3♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	4♣

5♣ by North

Baker Leben 18

Partner's bid asks if you have 4 ♠s, and denies a ♥ stopper. (DIRECT DENIES)

You don't have 4 ♠s, nor can you stop ♥s. You have no choice but to bid one of the 4-card Minor suits, so you go up-the-line and bid 4♣. Partner bids 5♣.