

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 9 7 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ 9 7 6 4

♣ Q

♠ 4

♥ A K 10 9 8 2

♦ K J 3

♣ 10 5 3



♠ J 8 2

♥ J 5

♦ Q 10 2

♣ A 8 7 6 2

♠ A Q 6

♥ Q 7 3

♦ A 8 5

♣ K J 9 4

5
11 8
16

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

2 ♥

2 ♠

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

This is a sign-off hand. If West hadn't bid you would either have bid 2 ♠, which partner would have passed, or 2 ♥, transferring partner to 2 ♠ which YOU would have passed.

With lebensohl you can do the same thing, so you bid 2 ♠ and partner passes.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

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

16
 3 10
 11

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ 10 8 5
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ A K 7 6
 ♣ K Q 9 3



♠ K Q J 7 3
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ 5 4 3
 ♣ A J 7

North

1 NT

4 ♠

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass

Partner's bid at the 3-level is forcing to game and shows a 5-card ♠ suit.

With 3-card support you are happy to bid 4 ♠.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5

♥ A K J 8 6

♦ 7 2

♣ 8 4 3

♠ Q 10 2

♥ 9 5 3

♦ K Q J 10 9 3

♣ Q



♠ J 7 4 3

♥ 10 2

♦ 6 4

♣ J 10 9 5 2

11
10 2
17

♠ A 9 6

♥ Q 7 4

♦ A 8 5

♣ A K 7 6

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

2 ♦

Pass

4 ♥ by North

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT

4 ♥

With 12 points opposite partner's 15-17, this is a forcing-to-game hand, so you bid 3 ♥. Don't think of it as a jump, just a 3-level bid showing at least 10 points and a 5+ card suit.

Partner has 3-card support and is happy to bid game in that suit.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 4

♥ 9 6 2

♦ J 10 9 8

♣ K Q

17
7 10
6

West

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ A 10 8 5

♦ A K 6

♣ J 6



♠ 8 6

♥ K Q J 7 3

♦ 5 4 3

♣ 9 7 2

North

1 NT

Pass

East

2 ♣

Pass

South

2 ♥

Partner's bid at the 2-level is a sign-off, the equivalent of the old "drop-dead" response.

So even with your great support and maximum hand, you pass.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 5 4 2

♥ 4 3 2

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 9 3

16

1 12

11

♠ K 9

♥ A Q 7 6

♦ A K 9 2

♣ 10 7 6



♠ A Q 10 8

♥ K J 9 5

♦ J 5 4

♣ 8 4

♠ 6 3

♥ 10 8

♦ Q 10 7

♣ A K Q J 5 2

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

1 NT

2 ♣

3 ♣

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

With 11 points opposite partner's 15-17, this is a forcing-to-game hand, and it is possible that a jump to 3 NT (which says you have no ♣ stopper) would work. However, with two 4-card Major suits you should use the lebensohl equivalent of Stayman, which is a cue-bid of 3 ♣.

Partner bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

With a known 8-card Major fit and a known 26-28 points you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 4 2
♥ 9 4 3
♦ A K J 9 5 4
♣ —

10
13 1
16

West

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 7 6
♥ K Q J 7
♦ 10 3
♣ A 10 7 3 2



♠ K Q 9 3
♥ A 10 8 5
♦ Q 6
♣ K Q 6

North

3 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

3 ♥

Pass

Partner's direct cue-bid is the lebensohl equivalent of Stayman, but with no ♦ stopper.

With 4 cards in both Majors you bid 3 ♥.

Partner then bids 4 ♥ which you pass.

Deal 7

South Deals ♠ 6 2
 None Vul ♥ 8 5 3
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 5 4
 ♣ K 4

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

 ♠ A 8 4
 ♥ A Q J
 ♦ K J 3
 ♣ Q 7 6 3

 5
 13 5
 17

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

With your hand you'd like to sign off in 3 ♦. But you cannot actually bid 3 ♦ because that would show a forcing-to-game hand. So you bid a lebensohl 2 NT.

Partner makes the relay bid of 3 ♣. What do you say?

NOW you can bid 3 ♦, which partner passes.

Deal 8

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 7
♥ K 6 5
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q 6

♠ K Q 2
♥ 8
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ 10 9 8 3 2



♠ J 10 9 6 4 3
♥ A 10 3
♦ A 2
♣ A 5

15
8 13
4

♠ 5
♥ Q J 9 7 4 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ J 7 4

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

Partner's 2 NT bid is lebensohl, asking you to bid 3 ♣. You bid 3 ♣. Partner says 3 ♥.

What do you say now?

How about . . . pass? Partner just signed off with this sequence. He couldn't bid 3 ♥ directly, that would have been a game-force.

Deal 9

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6

♥ 10 7 4

♦ 7 6 5 2

♣ J 9 6 2

16

2 10

12

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ 7 5 2

♥ A K Q 6

♦ A 3

♣ K 10 8 3



♠ 8 4

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A Q 7

North

1 NT

4 ♥

East

2 ♠

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass

♠ A K Q 10 9 3

♥ J 2

♦ 10 9 8

♣ 5 4

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. So you cue-bid 3 ♠. This is the lebensohl version of Stayman, but WITH NO ♠ STOPPER. (Direct Denies)

Partner says 4 ♥ and you pass.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 5

♥ 5 2

♦ A Q J 7 3

♣ 8 7 5

♠ J 3 2

♥ K Q 9 8 6 4

♦ 8

♣ A 10 3



♠ Q 8 6 4

♥ 7 3

♦ 9 5 4 2

♣ J 6 2

♠ A 9 7

♥ A J 10

♦ K 10 6

♣ K Q 9 4

10

10 3

17

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

2 ♥

3 ♦

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

3 NT by South

Partner has promised at least a 5-card ♦ suit, and game-forcing strength. With your great ♥ stoppers you bid 3 NT.

Deal 11

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 12

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ A Q 9
♣ 10 3

♠ A 7
♥ 10 9
♦ K J 7 4 3 2
♣ A 8 6



♠ 10 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 7 5 2

12
12 0
16

♠ K Q 8
♥ A J 5
♦ 10 6
♣ K Q J 9 4

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

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 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 6 2
 ♥ 4
 ♦ 10 9 7 3 2
 ♣ 8 5 3

17
 0 11
 12

West

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ K 9 5

♥ A J 9

♦ K Q 8 5

♣ A 10 2



♠ A 7 4

♥ 7 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ K 9 7 4

North

1 NT

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

3 NT

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 14

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 6 3

♥ A Q 10 8 3 2

♦ J 6 2

♣ J

13
11 0
16

♠ Q 10 4

♥ K J 6

♦ A 9 7

♣ K 10 8 3

♠ A J 5

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q 10 8 3

♣ A Q 7



♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ 5 4

♦ 5 4

♣ 9 6 5 4 2

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

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

2 NT

3 NT

Pass

Pass

1 NT

3 ♣

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 15

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9
 ♥ J 9 7 6 5 2
 ♦ 8 7 2
 ♣ J 5 2

16
 2 10
 12

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

♠ 7 4 2

♥ A Q

♦ A K 5 3

♣ K 10 9 3



♠ A Q 5

♥ K 8 3

♦ Q J 9 4

♣ 7 6 4

North

1 NT

3 ♣

Pass

East

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

3 NT

♠ K J 10 8 6 3
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ 10 6
 ♣ A Q 8

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.

Deal 16

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 3

♥ 9 6 4

♦ J 8 2

♣ K 6 5

5
8 16
11

West

Dbl

2 ♠ × by South

♠ —

♥ J 10 8 5 3 2

♦ A 10 6 5

♣ 10 8 3

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W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2

♥ Q

♦ 9 4

♣ Q J 9 2

North

Pass

East

1 NT

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.

Deal 17

South Deals ♠ Q 7 4
 None Vul ♥ Q 10 9 6 5
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ A 8 3

♠ A 8
 ♥ 8
 ♦ K Q 7 5 4 2
 ♣ J 7 6 4



♠ 10 9 6 3 2
 ♥ A 4 3 2
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ 9 5

8
 10 5
 17

♠ K J 5
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ A 9 6
 ♣ K Q 10 2

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

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 2 NT.

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 ♥.

Deal 18

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4 2

♥ A K Q 6 5 2

♦ J 9 2

♣ 6

13
10 1
16

West

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

5 ♣ by South

♠ A J 6 3

♥ 9 4

♦ A 8 5

♣ K J 10 3

♠ K Q 5

♥ 10 8

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ A Q 7 4

North

3 ♥

5 ♣

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

4 ♣

Pass



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 ♣.

Deal 19

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 7 3
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A K J 5

11
17 9
3

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♦ × by North

♠ —

♥ K Q J 10

♦ K 10 8 4 3 2

♣ Q 7 3



♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 6

♣ 8 2

North

2 ♦

Pass

East

Dbl

South

Pass

It is possible your side can make 3 NT on this deal. You have 9 points, invitational strength, and your ♦ stopper is excellent.

However you should look for an even bigger reward by doubling. North is in serious trouble, and when the opponents make a mistake you should punish them.

Deal 20

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 10 9
♦ K Q 8 4 3 2
♣ J 9 5

12
10 2
16

♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ K 6
♦ A 10 7
♣ K 10 8 3



♠ K J 9 3
♥ A Q 8 7
♦ 9 5
♣ A Q 7

♠ 7 5 2
♥ J 5 4 3 2
♦ J 6
♣ 6 4 2

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

Partner's 2 NT bid requests that you bid 3 ♣, so you do. He next says 3 ♦.

Partner's bid is game-forcing Stayman, but with a ♦ stopper (SLOW SHOWS). Holding 4 cards in each Major you bid up-the-line, 4 ♥. Partner now bids 3 NT. What do you say?

Partner would not have asked for a 4-card Major unless he held one himself. Since it wasn't ♥s it must be the other one. You bid 4 ♠.