

**Deal 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 5  
♥ A K 7  
♦ K Q 7 3  
♣ A 7 4

11  
16 8  
5

*West*

1 NT

Pass

2 ♠ × by North

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2

♥ Q

♦ 9 4

♣ Q J 9 2



♠ —

♥ J 10 8 5 3 2

♦ A 10 6 5

♣ 10 8 3

*North*

2 ♠

Pass

*East*

Dbl

*South*

Pass

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.

**Deal 2**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

10  
17 8  
5

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

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



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

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

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 3**

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

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ K Q 5

♥ 10 8

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ A Q 7 4

North

3 ♥

5 ♣

East

Pass

Pass

♠ 10 9 7

♥ J 7 3

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 5 2

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 ♣.

South

1 NT

4 ♣

Pass

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8

♥ 7 6 4

♦ A J 9 7

♣ 10 9 6 4

♠ —

♥ K Q J 10

♦ K 10 8 4 3 2

♣ Q 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 6

♣ 8 2

♠ K 7 3

♥ A 9 5 2

♦ Q 5

♣ A K J 5

9  
11 3  
17

West

North

East

South

2 ♦

Dbl

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

2 ♦ × by West

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. West is in serious trouble, and when the opponents make a mistake you should punish them.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7 5 2  
♥ J 5 4 3 2  
♦ J 6  
♣ 6 4 2

16  
2 10  
12

♠ K J 9 3  
♥ A Q 8 7  
♦ 9 5  
♣ A Q 7



♠ Q 10 8 4  
♥ K 6  
♦ A 10 7  
♣ K 10 8 3

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

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 North			

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 ♠.