

**Deal 1**

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 2**

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ 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 3**

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 4**

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2

♥ Q

♦ 9 4

♣ Q J 9 2

North

Pass

East

1 NT

Pass

♠ 10 8 5

♥ A K 7

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ A 7 4

South

2 ♠

Pass

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.