

<b>Deal 1</b>	♠ K 10 9 7 5 3		
South Deals	♥ 6 4		
None Vul	♦ 9 7 6 4		
	♣ Q		
♠ 4	♠ J 8 2		
♥ A K 10 9 8 2	♥ J 5		
♦ K J 3	♦ Q 10 2		
♣ 10 5 3	♣ A 8 7 6 2		
	♠ A Q 6		
11 5 8	♥ Q 7 3		
16	♦ A 8 5		
	♣ K J 9 4		
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	♠ 10 8 5
None Vul	♥ A 8
	♦ A K 7 6
	♣ K Q 9 3
♠ 9 6 4 2	♠ A
♥ Q J 2	♥ K 10 9 6 4 3
♦ 10 2	♦ Q J 9 8
♣ 10 8 5 2	♣ 6 4



♠ K Q J 7 3  
♥ 7 5  
♦ 5 4 3  
♣ A J 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	2 ♥	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

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	♠ K 8 5
None Vul	♥ A K J 8 6
	♦ 7 2
	♣ 8 4 3
♠ Q 10 2	♠ J 7 4 3
♥ 9 5 3	♥ 10 2
♦ K Q J 10 9 3	♦ 6 4
♣ Q	♣ J 10 9 5 2

11	♠ A 9 6
10 2	♥ Q 7 4
17	♦ A 8 5
	♣ A K 7 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
2 ♦	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

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	♠ K Q 9 3
None Vul	♥ A 10 8 5
	♦ A K 6
	♣ J 6
♠ J 10 7 4	♠ A 5 2
♥ 9 6 2	♥ 4
♦ J 10 9 8	♦ Q 7 2
♣ K Q	♣ A 10 8 5 4 3

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	2 ♣	2 ♥

2 ♥ by South

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	♦ 8 6 3	♣ 9 3
♥ 4 3 2		
	♦ 8 6 3	
	♣ 9 3	

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N	E
W	S
♠ K 9	♦ A Q 7 6
♦ A K 9 2	♣ 10 7 6
♣ 6 3	♦ 10 8
♦ Q 10 7	♣ A K Q J 5 2

♠ A Q 10 8	♦ K J 9 5
♦ J 5 4	♣ 8 4

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	♠ 7 6
None Vul	♥ K Q J 7
	♦ 10 3
	♣ A 10 7 3 2
♠ A J 4 2	♠ 10 8 5
♥ 9 4 3	♥ 6 2
♦ A K J 9 5 4	♦ 8 7 2
♣ —	♣ J 9 8 5 4
	♠ K Q 9 3
10	♥ A 10 8 5
13 1	♦ Q 6
16	♣ K Q 6

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

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



5	♠ A 8 4
13 5	♥ A Q J
17	♦ K J 3
	♣ Q 7 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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

♠ K Q 2  
♥ 8  
♦ K 8 7 5  
♣ 10 9 8 3 2

♠ A 8 7

♥ K 6 5  
♦ Q J 10 6  
♣ K Q 6

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

♠ 5  
♥ Q J 9 7 4 2  
♦ 9 4 3  
♣ J 7 4

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

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



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

**16**  
**2 10**  
**12**  
 ♣ A Q 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 NT	2 ♠	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass

4 ♥ 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. 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	♠ K 10 5
None Vul	♥ 5 2
	♦ A Q J 7 3
	♣ 8 7 5

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

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	S	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
			1 NT
2 ♥	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
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	♠ 7 5 2
None Vul	♥ A Q
	♦ A K 5 3
	♣ K 10 8 3

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

16	♠ A Q
1 11	♥ K 8 5 3
12	♦ Q J 9 4
	♣ 7 6 4



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	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

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

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16

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

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

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

♠ K 9 5
♥ A J 9
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ A 10 2

♠ 10 8 6 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 8 5 3

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12

West

North

1 NT

Pass



♠ Q J 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5 2
♦ 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ A 7 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ A J 6
♣ K 9 7 4

East
2 ♥
Pass

South
3 NT
Pass

3 NT by North

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	♠ Q 10 4
None Vul	♥ K J 6
	♦ A 9 7
	♣ K 10 8 3

♠ K 6 3	♠ 9 8 7 2
♥ A Q 10 8 3 2	W N E S
♦ J 6 2	♥ 5 4
♣ J	♦ 5 4
	♣ 9 6 5 4 2
	♠ A J 5
13	♥ 9 7
11 o	♦ K Q 10 8 3
16	♣ A Q 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
2 ♥	2 NT	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 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	♠ 7 4 2
None Vul	♥ A Q
	♦ A K 5 3
	♣ K 10 9 3

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

N  
W E  
S

16	♠ A Q 5
2 10	♥ K 8 3
12	♦ 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.

**Deal 16**East Deals  
None Vul

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

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 8 16  
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♠ —  
 ♥ J 10 8 5 3 2  
 ♦ A 10 6 5  
 ♣ 10 8 3

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

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ 9 4  
 ♣ Q J 9 2

West	North	East	South
		1 NT	2 ♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♠× by South			

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.

**Deal 17**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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	♠ A J 6 3
None Vul	♥ 9 4
	♦ A 8 5
	♣ K J 10 3
♠ 8 4 2	♠ 10 9 7
♥ A K Q 6 5 2	♥ J 7 3
♦ J 9 2	♦ 10 6 4
♣ 6	♣ 9 8 5 2

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

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

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<sup>17</sup> 9  
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♠ —  
 ♥ K Q J 10  
 ♦ K 10 8 4 3 2  
 ♣ Q 7 3

♠ A 8  
 ♥ 7 6 4  
 ♦ A J 9 7  
 ♣ 10 9 6 4

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	2 ♦	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		
2 ♦× by North			

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.

