

Deal 1

	♠ A Q		
South Deals	♥ K 8 5 3		
None Vul	♦ Q J 9 4		
	♣ 7 6 4		
♠ K J 10 8 6 4	♠ 9 3		
♥ J 4	♥ 10 9 7 6 2		
♦ 10 6	♦ 8 7 2		
♣ A Q 9	♣ J 5 2		
12	♠ 7 5 2		
11 1	♥ A Q		
16	♦ A K 5 3		
	♣ K 10 8 3		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
2 ♠	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

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 West'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 2
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

12	12	16
o		

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



♠ 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	

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 3

South Deals	♠ A 7 4
None Vul	♥ 7 6 3
	♦ A J 6
	♣ K 9 7 4

♠ Q J 3	♠ 10 8 6 2		
♥ K Q 10 8 5 2	♥ 4		
♦ 4	♦ 10 9 7 3 2		
♣ Q J 6	♣ 8 5 3		
12 11 o 17	♠ K 9 5 ♥ A J 9 ♦ K Q 8 5 ♣ A 10 2		
West	North	East	South
2 ♥	3 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
3 NT by South			

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 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ K 6 3
 ♥ A Q 10 8 3 2
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ J

13
11 o
16

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

♠ 9 8 7 2
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ 5 4
 ♣ 9 6 5 4 2

♠ A J 5
 ♥ 9 7
 ♦ K Q 10 8 3
 ♣ A Q 7

West *North* *East* *South*
 2 ♥ 2 NT Pass 1 NT
 Pass 3 NT 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 5

South Deals	♠ A Q 5		
None Vul	♥ K 8 3		
	♦ Q J 9 4		
	♣ 7 6 4		
♠ K J 10 8 6 3	♠ 9		
♥ 10 4	♥ J 9 7 6 5 2		
♦ 10 6	♦ 8 7 2		
♣ A Q 8	♣ J 5 2		
	♠ 7 4 2		
12	♥ A Q		
10 2	♦ A K 5 3		
16	♣ K 10 9 3		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♠	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			1 NT

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 West'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.