

Deal 1

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
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 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 6 4
 ♥ K Q 7 3
 ♦ A Q 9
 ♣ 10 3

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 12 16
 12

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by East			

♠ 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

♠ A 7
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ K J 7 4 3 2
 ♣ A 8 6

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 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 5	♠ K 6 3		
♥ 9 7	♥ A Q 10 8 3 2		
♦ K Q 10 8 3	♦ J 6 2		
♣ A Q 7	♣ J		
♠ A J 5	♠ Q 10 4		
♥ 9 7	♥ K J 6		
♦ K Q 10 8 3	♦ A 9 7		
♣ A Q 7	♣ K 10 8 3		
16 11	♠ 9 8 7 2		
16 13	♥ 5 4		
o	♦ 5 4		
	♣ 9 6 5 4 2		
<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 West			

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

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

16 2 10 12	♠ A Q 5 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ Q J 9 4 ♣ 7 6 4
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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.