

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ K 9 5		
None Vul	♥ A J 9		
	♦ K Q 8 5		
	♣ A 10 2		
♠ 10 8 6 2	♠ Q J 3		
♥ 4	♥ K Q 10 8 5 2		
♦ 10 9 7 3 2	♦ 4		
♣ 8 5 3	♣ Q J 6		
	♠ A 7 4		
o 17	♥ 7 6 3		
11	♦ A J 6		
12	♣ K 9 7 4		
West	North	East	South
	1 NT	2 ♥	3 NT
Pass	Pass	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 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

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 13 16  
 11

♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ 5 4  
 ♦ 5 4

♣ 9 6 5 4 2

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

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

<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 East			

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**

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

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.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠ K J 7 3****♥ 9 6 4****♦ J 8 2****♣ K 6 5****♠ 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****♠ 10 8 5****♥ A K 7****♦ K Q 7 3****♣ A 7 4****8  
11 5  
16***West**North**East**South*

1 NT

**2 ♠**

Dbl

Pass

Pass

Pass

**2 ♠× by West**

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.