

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 2
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ Q 10 2
 ♣ A 8 7 6 2

16
 8 11
 5

West

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ A Q 6

♥ Q 7 3

♦ A 8 5

♣ K J 9 4



♠ K 10 9 7 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ 9 7 6 4

♣ Q

North

1 NT

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

2 ♠

This is a sign-off hand. If East 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

None Vul

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

16
 3 10
 11

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ 10 8 5
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ A K 7 6
 ♣ K Q 9 3



♠ K Q J 7 3
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ 5 4 3
 ♣ A J 7

North

1 NT

4 ♠

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass

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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 4 3
 ♥ 10 2
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ J 10 9 5 2

17
 2 10
 11

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A 9 6
 ♥ Q 7 4
 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ A K 7 6



♠ K 8 5
 ♥ A K J 8 6
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ 8 4 3

North

1 NT

4 ♥

East

2 ♦

Pass

South

3 ♥

Pass

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

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 4

♥ 9 6 2

♦ J 10 9 8

♣ K Q

17
7 10
6

West

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ A 10 8 5

♦ A K 6

♣ J 6



♠ 8 6

♥ K Q J 7 3

♦ 5 4 3

♣ 9 7 2

North

1 NT

Pass

East

2 ♣

Pass

South

2 ♥

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 10 8
♥ K J 9 5
♦ J 5 4
♣ 8 4

♠ 6 3
♥ 10 8
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A K Q J 5 2



♠ J 7 5 4 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 9 3

11
12 1
16

♠ K 9
♥ A Q 7 6
♦ A K 9 2
♣ 10 7 6

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

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
None Vul

♠ A J 4 2
♥ 9 4 3
♦ A K J 9 5 4
♣ —

10
13 1
16

West

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 7 6
♥ K Q J 7
♦ 10 3
♣ A 10 7 3 2



♠ K Q 9 3
♥ A 10 8 5
♦ Q 6
♣ K Q 6

North

3 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

3 ♥

Pass

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

North Deals
None Vul

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

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

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

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

♠ A 8 7
♥ K 6 5
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q 6

♠ K Q 2
♥ 8
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ 10 9 8 3 2



♠ J 10 9 6 4 3
♥ A 10 3
♦ A 2
♣ A 5

15
8 13
4

♠ 5
♥ Q J 9 7 4 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ J 7 4

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q 10 9 3

♥ J 2

♦ 10 9 8

♣ 5 4

12
10 2
16

West

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 8 4

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A Q 7

N
W E
S

♠ 7 5 2

♥ A K Q 6

♦ A 3

♣ K 10 8 3

North

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

♠ J 6

♥ 10 7 4

♦ 7 6 5 2

♣ J 9 6 2

South

1 NT

4 ♥

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

None Vul

♠ K 10 5

♥ 5 2

♦ A Q J 7 3

♣ 8 7 5

♠ J 3 2

♥ K Q 9 8 6 4

♦ 8

♣ A 10 3



♠ Q 8 6 4

♥ 7 3

♦ 9 5 4 2

♣ J 6 2

♠ A 9 7

♥ A J 10

♦ K 10 6

♣ K Q 9 4

10

10 3

17

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♥

3 ♦

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT

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

South Deals ♠ A Q
 None Vul ♥ K 8 5 3
 ♦ 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 12

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7
♥ 10 9
♦ K J 7 4 3 2
♣ A 8 6

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ A Q 9
♣ 10 3



♠ 10 5 3 2
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 7 5 2

12
12 0
16

♠ K Q 8
♥ A J 5
♦ 10 6
♣ K Q J 9 4

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

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 4

♥ 7 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ K 9 7 4

♠ Q J 3

♥ K Q 10 8 5 2

♦ 4

♣ Q J 6

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♠ 10 8 6 2

♥ 4

♦ 10 9 7 3 2

♣ 8 5 3

♠ K 9 5

♥ A J 9

♦ K Q 8 5

♣ A 10 2

12

11 0

17

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 14

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

♠ 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 15

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 5

♥ K 8 3

♦ Q J 9 4

♣ 7 6 4

♠ K J 10 8 6 3

♥ 10 4

♦ 10 6

♣ A Q 8



♠ 9

♥ J 9 7 6 5 2

♦ 8 7 2

♣ J 5 2

♠ 7 4 2

♥ A Q

♦ A K 5 3

♣ K 10 9 3

12
10 2
16

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

2 NT

3 NT

Pass

Pass

1 NT

3 ♣

Pass

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 16

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

South

2 ♠

Pass

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

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

17
 5 10
 8

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K J 5

♥ K J 7

♦ A 9 6

♣ K Q 10 2



♠ Q 7 4

♥ Q 10 9 6 5

♦ 8 3

♣ A 8 3

North

1 NT

3 ♣

4 ♥

East

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

3 ♥

Pass

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

None Vul

♠ 8 4 2

♥ A K Q 6 5 2

♦ J 9 2

♣ 6

13
10 1
16

West

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

5 ♣ by South

♠ A J 6 3

♥ 9 4

♦ A 8 5

♣ K J 10 3

♠ K Q 5

♥ 10 8

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ A Q 7 4

North

3 ♥

5 ♣

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

4 ♣

Pass



♠ 10 9 7

♥ J 7 3

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 5 2

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8
 ♥ 7 6 4
 ♦ A J 9 7
 ♣ 10 9 6 4

3
 9 17
 11

West

Dbl

2 ♦ × by South

♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 6

♣ 8 2



♠ —

♥ K Q J 10

♦ K 10 8 4 3 2

♣ Q 7 3

North

Pass

East

1 NT

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

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. South is in serious trouble, and when the opponents make a mistake you should punish them.

Deal 20

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 10 9
♦ K Q 8 4 3 2
♣ J 9 5

12
10 2
16

♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ K 6
♦ A 10 7
♣ K 10 8 3



♠ K J 9 3
♥ A Q 8 7
♦ 9 5
♣ A Q 7

♠ 7 5 2
♥ J 5 4 3 2
♦ J 6
♣ 6 4 2

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

Partner's 2 NT bid requests that you bid 3 ♣, so you do. He next says 3 ♦.

Partner's bid is game-forcing Stayman, but with a ♦ stopper (SLOW SHOWS). Holding 4 cards in each Major you bid up-the-line, 4 ♥. Partner now bids 3 NT. What do you say?

Partner would not have asked for a 4-card Major unless he held one himself. Since it wasn't ♥s it must be the other one. You bid 4 ♠.