

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 5 4 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 9 3

16
1 12
11

♠ K 9
♥ A Q 7 6
♦ A K 9 2
♣ 10 7 6



♠ 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

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 2

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 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ Q 9 8 7 5 4

♣ K 4

♠ K J 9 7 5 3

♥ 6 2

♦ A

♣ A J 9 8



♠ Q 10

♥ K 10 9 7 4

♦ 10 6 2

♣ 10 5 2

♠ A 8 4

♥ A Q J

♦ K J 3

♣ Q 7 6 3

5
13 5
17

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

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

3 ♦ by North

2 NT

3 ♦

Pass

Pass

1 NT

3 ♣

Pass

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 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ K 8 7 5
 ♣ 10 9 8 3 2

15
 8 13
 4

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ A 8 7
 ♥ K 6 5
 ♦ Q J 10 6
 ♣ K Q 6



♠ 5
 ♥ Q J 9 7 4 2
 ♦ 9 4 3
 ♣ J 7 4

North

1 NT

3 ♣

Pass

East

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

3 ♥

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.