

Deal 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 2
♥ 8 2
♦ K T
♣ A T 8 7 6 3

16
8 11
5

♠ A Q 6
♥ Q 7 3
♦ A 8 5
♣ K J 9 4



♠ K T 9 7 5 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 9 7 6 4
♣ Q

♠ 4
♥ A K J T 9 5
♦ Q J 3 2
♣ 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♥	2♠
All Pass			

2 ♠ by South

Baker Leben 1

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 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 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ Q J 6 4 3 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ 4 2

11
10 3
16

♠ K Q J 7 3

♥ 7 5

♦ 5 4 3

♣ A J 7



♠ T 8 5

♥ A 8

♦ A K 7 6

♣ K Q 9 3

♠ 9 4 2

♥ K T 9

♦ T 8 2

♣ T 8 6 5

West

2♥

All Pass

North

3♠

East

Pass

South

1NT

4♠

4♠ by South

Baker Leben 2

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 4♠]

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 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 7 4 3 2
♥ T 5 3
♦ 9 6
♣ T 2

17
2 10
11

♠ 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

♠ J
♥ 9 2
♦ K Q J T 4 3
♣ Q J 9 5

West

Pass

North

1NT

4♥

East

2♦

All Pass

South

3♥

4♥ by North

Baker Leben 3

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3♥]

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 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 2
♥ 2
♦ Q J 7
♣ A K Q T 5 4

6
16 1
17

♠ 8 6
♥ K Q J 7 3
♦ 5 4 3
♣ 9 7 2



♠ K Q 9 3
♥ A T 8 5
♦ A K 6
♣ J 6

♠ J 7 5 4
♥ 9 6 4
♦ T 9 8 2
♣ 8 3

West	North	East	South
2♣	2♥	All Pass	1NT

2♥ by North

Baker Leben 4

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID pass]

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 6

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 5 4 2
♥ T 8 2
♦ Q 6 3
♣ J 3

16
3 10
11

♠ K 9
♥ A Q 7 6
♦ A K 9 2
♣ T 7 6



♠ A Q T 8
♥ K J 9 5
♦ J 5 4
♣ 8 4

♠ J 3
♥ 4 3
♦ T 8 7
♣ A K Q 9 5 2

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♣	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

Baker Leben 5

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3♣]

With 11 points opposite partner's 15-17, this is a forcing-to-game hand, and it is possible that a jump to 3NT (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? [BID 4♥]

With a known 8-card Major fit and a known 26-28 points you bid 4♥.

Deal 7

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A T 5
♥ 6 2
♦ A K J 5 4 2
♣ 9 4

10
12 2
16

♠ 7 6
♥ K Q J 7
♦ T 3
♣ A T 7 3 2



♠ K Q 9 3
♥ A T 8 5
♦ Q 6
♣ K Q 6

♠ J 8 4 2
♥ 9 4 3
♦ 9 8 7
♣ J 8 5

West	North	East	South
2♦	3♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

4♥ by North

Baker Leben 6

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3♥]

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 8

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 3
♥ K T 6
♦ T 6
♣ A T 9 8 5 2

17
7 11
5

♠ A 8 4
♥ A Q J
♦ K J 3
♣ Q 7 6 3



♠ 6 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ Q 9 8 7 5 4
♣ K 4

♠ K Q J 9 7 5
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ A 2
♣ J

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

3♦ by South

Baker Leben 7

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2NT]

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 2NT.

Partner makes the relay bid of 3♣. What do you say? [BID 3♦]

NOW you can bid 3♦, which partner passes.

Deal 9

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J T 4 3 2
♥ T 8
♦ K 8 5
♣ A 3

4
10 11
15

♠ 5
♥ Q J 9 7 4 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ J 7 4



♠ A 8 7
♥ K 6 5
♦ Q J T 6
♣ K Q 6

♠ K 9 6
♥ A 3
♦ A 7 2
♣ T 9 8 5 2

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

3♥ by North

Baker Leben 8

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3♣]

Partner's 2NT bid is lebensohl, asking you to bid 3♣. You bid 3♣. Partner says 3♥.

What do you say now? [BID pass]

How about . . . pass? Partner just signed off with this sequence. He couldn't bid 3♥ directly, that would have been a game-force.

Deal 10

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ J 7 2
♦ T 9 6
♣ J 6 5 4 2

16
2 10
12

♠ 7 5 2
♥ A K Q 6
♦ A 3
♣ K T 8 3



♠ 8 4
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ K Q J 4
♣ A Q 7

♠ A K Q J T 9
♥ T 4
♦ 8 7 5 2
♣ 9

Baker Leben 9

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3♠]

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.

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♠	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 3
♥ K Q 9 7 6 4
♦ 9
♣ A J 6

10
11 2
17

♠ K T 5
♥ 5 2
♦ A Q J 7 3
♣ 8 7 5



♠ A 9 7
♥ A J T
♦ K T 6
♣ K Q 9 4

♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 8 5 4 2
♣ T 3 2

West	North	East	South
2♥	3♦	Pass	1NT
All Pass			3NT

3NT by South

Baker Leben 10

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3NT]

Partner has promised at least a 5-card ♦ suit, and game-forcing strength. With your great ♥ stoppers you bid 3NT.

Deal 12

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6
♥ J 9 7 6 4
♦ T 6 2
♣ J 5 2

16
2 10
12

♠ 7 5 2
♥ A Q
♦ A K 5 3
♣ K T 8 3



♠ A Q
♥ K 8 5 3
♦ Q J 9 4
♣ 7 6 4

♠ K J T 8 4 3
♥ T 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A Q 9

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

3NT by North

Baker Leben 11

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2NT]

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 2NT.

Partner says 3♣. What do you bid? [BID pass]

NOW you cue-bid 3♠. This is Stayman, but with a ♠ stopper, (SLOW SHOWS). Partner says 3NT and you pass.

Deal 13

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A T 5
♥ 8 4
♦ K 8 5 4 3 2
♣ A 7

12
11 1
16

♠ J 9 6 4
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ A Q 9
♣ T 3



♠ K Q 8
♥ A J 5
♦ T 6
♣ K Q J 9 4

♠ 7 3 2
♥ T 9 6 2
♦ J 7
♣ 8 6 5 2

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

3NT by South

Baker Leben 12

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3♣]

Partner's 2NT bid requests that you bid 3♣, so you do.

He next says 3♦. What do you bid now? [BID 3NT]

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 3NT.

Deal 14

North Deals
None Vul

♠ T 6 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 7 4 3 2
♣ J 6 5 3

17
1 10
12

West

All Pass

♠ K 9 5
♥ A J 9
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ A T 2



♠ A 7 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ A J 6
♣ K 9 7 4

North
1NT

East
2♥

South
3NT

3NT by South

Baker Leben 13

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3NT]

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 3NT.

Playing lebensohl you do the same thing, jump to 3NT. Since you went directly to 3NT 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 15

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 7
♥ A Q T 5 3 2
♦ J
♣ 9 6 5

13
10 1
16

♠ Q T 4
♥ K J 6
♦ A 9 7
♣ K T 8 3



♠ A J 5
♥ 9 7
♦ K Q T 8 3
♣ A Q 7

♠ 8 6 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ 6 5 4 2
♣ J 4 2

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

3NT by North

Baker Leben 14

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3♣]

Partner's 2NT bid requests that you bid 3♣, so you do.

He next says 3NT. What do you bid now? [BID pass]

Partner's bidding shows a hand with which he would have bid 3NT without the overcall. Furthermore, he promises a ♥ stopper. He expects you to pass, so you do.

Deal 16

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9
♥ J T 9 7 6 5 2
♦ T 8 6
♣ 8 5

16
1 11
12

♠ 7 4 2
♥ A Q
♦ A K 5 3
♣ K T 9 3



♠ A Q 5
♥ K 8 3
♦ Q J 9 4
♣ 7 6 4

♠ K J T 8 6 3
♥ 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A Q J 2

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

3NT by South

passes.

Baker Leben 15

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2NT]

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 3NT. But you can't actually BID 3NT, because partner would almost surely take you out to a minor suit. Remember, a DIRECT 3NT bid DENIES a stopper in their suit. Since you have East's ♠ suit stopped, you first bid a lebensohl 2NT.

Partner says 3♣. What do you bid? [BID 3NT]

You now complete the picture of your hand by bidding 3NT. (SLOW SHOWS). Partner

Deal 17

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2
♥ Q
♦ 6 5
♣ Q J T 9

8
11 5
16

♠ K J 7 3
♥ 9 6 4
♦ J 8 2
♣ K 6 5



♠ T 8 5
♥ A K 7
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A 7 4

♠ -
♥ J T 8 5 3 2
♦ A T 9 4
♣ 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
2 ♠	Dbl	All Pass	1NT

2 ♠ X by West

Baker Leben 16

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID pass]

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.

Deal 18

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6 3 2
♥ 8 4 2
♦ Q 2
♣ 7 6 5 4

17
2 13
8

♠ K J 5
♥ K J 7
♦ A 9 6
♣ K Q T 2



♠ Q 7 4
♥ Q T 9 6 5
♦ 8 3
♣ A 8 3

♠ A T 9
♥ A 3
♦ K J T 7 5 4
♣ J 9

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

4♥ by North

Baker Leben 17

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 2NT]

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 2NT.

Partner says 3♣. What do you bid? [BID 3♥]

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 19

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 4
♥ A K Q 5 3 2
♦ J 4 2
♣ 9 6

13
10 1
16

♠ A J 6 3
♥ 9 4
♦ A 8 5
♣ K J T 3



♠ K Q 5
♥ T 8
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A Q 7 4

♠ T 8 7 2
♥ J 7 6
♦ T 9 6
♣ 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
2♥	3♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	4♣

5♣ by North

Baker Leben 18

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 4♣]

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 20

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 4 2
♥ Q T 8
♦ 2
♣ 8 7 3 2

17
4 10
9

♠ K 7 3
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A K J 5



♠ A 8
♥ 7 6 4
♦ A J 9 7
♣ T 9 6 4

♠ J T 5
♥ K J 3
♦ K T 8 6 4 3
♣ Q

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♦	Dbl
All Pass			

2♦ X by East

Baker Leben 19

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID double]

It is possible your side can make 3NT 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. East is in serious trouble, and when the opponents make a mistake you should punish them.

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 5 2
♥ 9 5 3 2
♦ K Q J 6 3 2
♣ -

12
10 2
16

♠ Q T 8 4
♥ K 6
♦ A T 7
♣ K T 8 3



♠ K J 9 3
♥ A Q 8 7
♦ 9 5
♣ A Q 7

♠ 7 6
♥ J T 4
♦ 8 4
♣ J 9 6 5 4 2

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

4♠ by South

Baker Leben 20

The bidding has gone as shown. Decide what you would say, then click on BID above. [BID 3♣]

Partner's 2NT bid requests that you bid 3♣, so you do. He next says 3♦. What do you bid now? [BID 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 3NT. What do you say? [BID 4♠]

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♠.