

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ —
16 11 8
5
♣ 10 8 3

West	North	East	South
1 NT	2 ♠	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		
2 ♠× by North			

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 5
♥ K J 7
♦ A 9 6
♣ K Q 10 2

10
17 8
5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8
♥ 8
♦ K Q 7 5 4 2
♣ J 7 6 4

♠ Q 7 4
♥ Q 10 9 6 5
♦ 8 3
♣ A 8 3

♠ 10 9 6 3 2
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ J 10
♣ 9 5

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

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 3

South Deals	♠ A J 6 3
None Vul	♥ 9 4
	♦ A 8 5
	♣ K J 10 3
♠ 8 4 2	♠ 10 9 7
♥ A K Q 6 5 2	♥ J 7 3
♦ J 9 2	♦ 10 6 4
♣ 6	♣ 9 8 5 2



♠ K Q 5
♥ 10 8
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A Q 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass			Pass
5 ♣ by South			

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 4

South Deals	♠ A 8		
None Vul	♥ 7 6 4		
	♦ A J 9 7		
	♣ 10 9 6 4		
♠ —	♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 2		
♥ K Q J 10	♥ 8 3		
♦ K 10 8 4 3 2	♦ 6		
♣ Q 7 3	♣ 8 2		
	♠ K 7 3		
9	♥ A 9 5 2		
11	♦ Q 5		
3	♣ A K J 5		
17			
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♦	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			1 NT
2 ♦× by West			

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

Deal 5
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ J 5 4 3 2
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ 6 4 2

16
2 10
12

♠ K J 9 3
 ♥ A Q 8 7
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ A Q 7

♠ A 6
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ K Q 8 4 3 2
 ♣ J 9 5

W N E S

♠ Q 10 8 4
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A 10 7
 ♣ 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 ♥	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♠ by North

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 ♠.