

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 3
♥ K T 6
♦ T 6
♣ A T 9 8 5 2

♠ A 8 4

♥ A Q J

♦ K J 3

♣ Q 7 6 3



♠ K Q J 9 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ A 2

♣ J

♠ 6 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ Q 9 8 7 5 4

♣ K 4

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

3♦ by South

Baker Leben 7

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?

NOW you can bid 3♦, which partner passes.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 6
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ A 7 2
 ♣ T 9 8 5 2

♠ A 8 7

♥ K 6 5

♦ Q J T 6

♣ K Q 6



♠ Q J T 4 3 2

♥ T 8

♦ K 8 5

♣ A 3

♠ 5

♥ Q J 9 7 4 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ J 7 4

West

North

East

South

1NT

2♠

2NT

Pass

3♣

Pass

3♥

All Pass

3♥ by South

Baker Leben 8

Partner's 2NT 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.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K Q J T 9

♥ T 4

♦ 8 7 5 2

♣ 9

♠ 8 4

♥ 9 8 5 3

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A Q 7



♠ 6 3

♥ J 7 2

♦ T 9 6

♣ J 6 5 4 2

♠ 7 5 2

♥ A K Q 6

♦ A 3

♣ K T 8 3

West

North

East

South

2♠

3♠

Pass

4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker Leben 9

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.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 3

♥ K Q 9 7 6 4

♦ 9

♣ A J 6

♠ K T 5

♥ 5 2

♦ A Q J 7 3

♣ 8 7 5



♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 8 5 4 2

♣ T 3 2

♠ A 9 7

♥ A J T

♦ K T 6

♣ K Q 9 4

West

North

East

South

2♥

3♦

Pass

1NT

3NT

All Pass

3NT by South

Baker Leben 10

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

Board 5

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K J T 8 4 3

♥ T 2

♦ 8 7

♣ A Q 9

♠ A Q

♥ K 8 5 3

♦ Q J 9 4

♣ 7 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 6

♥ J 9 7 6 4

♦ T 6 2

♣ J 5 2

♠ 7 5 2

♥ A Q

♦ A K 5 3

♣ K T 8 3

West

North

East

South

2♠

2NT

Pass

3♣

Pass

3♠

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3NT by South

Baker Leben 11

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 2NT.

Partner says 3♣. What do you bid?

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

Board 6

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A T 5
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ K 8 5 4 3 2
 ♣ A 7

♠ J 9 6 4
 ♥ K Q 7 3
 ♦ A Q 9
 ♣ T 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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
			1NT
2♦	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3 NT by South

Baker Leben 12

Partner's 2NT 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 3NT.