

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

N
W
E
S

♠ 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

1NT

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 3NT

All Pass

3 NT 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



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

3 NT 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



♠ 7 3 2

♥ T 9 6 2

♦ J 7

♣ 8 6 5 2

♠ K Q 8
♥ A J 5
♦ T 6
♣ K Q J 9 4

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.