

**Deal 1**

South Deals	<b>♠ A 7 4</b>		
None Vul	<b>♥ 7 6 3</b>		
	<b>♦ A J 6</b>		
	<b>♣ K 9 7 4</b>		
<b>♠ Q J 3</b>	<b>♠ 10 8 6 2</b>		
<b>♥ K Q 10 8 5 2</b>	<b>♥ 4</b>		
<b>♦ 4</b>	<b>♦ 10 9 7 3 2</b>		
<b>♣ Q J 6</b>	<b>♣ 8 5 3</b>		
	<b>♠ K 9 5</b>		
<b>12</b>	<b>♥ A J 9</b>		
<b>11 o</b>	<b>♦ K Q 8 5</b>		
<b>17</b>	<b>♣ A 10 2</b>		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♥	3 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
3 NT by South			

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 3 NT.

Playing lebensohl you do the same thing, jump to 3 NT. Since you went directly to 3 NT 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 2**

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

♠ K 6 3	♠ 9 8 7 2
♥ A Q 10 8 3 2	W N E S
♦ J 6 2	♥ 5 4
♣ J	♦ 5 4
	♣ 9 6 5 4 2
	♠ A J 5
13	♥ 9 7
11 o	♦ K Q 10 8 3
16	♣ A Q 7

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

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

He next says 3 NT.

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

**Deal 3**

South Deals	♠ A Q 5 ♥ K 8 3 None Vul	♦ Q J 9 4 ♣ 7 6 4	
♠ K J 10 8 6 3	♠ 9	♥ J 9 7 6 5 2	
♥ 10 4	W N E	♦ 8 7 2	
♦ 10 6	S	♣ J 5 2	
♣ A Q 8	♠ 7 4 2		
12	♥ A Q		
10 2	♦ A K 5 3		
16	♣ K 10 9 3		
West	North	East	South
2 ♠	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			1 NT

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

Partner says 3 ♣. What do you bid?

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

**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

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

5  
8 16  
11

♠ —  
♥ J 10 8 5 3 2  
♦ A 10 6 5  
♣ 10 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 8 5  
♥ A K 7  
♦ K Q 7 3  
♣ A 7 4

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2  
♥ Q  
♦ 9 4  
♣ Q J 9 2

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

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.