

**Deal 1**

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

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**East Deals  
None Vul

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

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 13 16  
 11

♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ 5 4  
 ♦ 5 4

♣ 9 6 5 4 2

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♠ A J 5  
 ♥ 9 7  
 ♦ K Q 10 8 3  
 ♣ A Q 7

♠ K 6 3  
 ♥ A Q 10 8 3 2  
 ♦ J 6 2  
 ♣ J

<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 East			

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

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**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠ K J 7 3****♥ 9 6 4****♦ J 8 2****♣ K 6 5****♠ A Q 9 6 4 2****♥ Q****♦ 9 4****♣ Q J 9 2****♠ —****♥ J 10 8 5 3 2****♦ A 10 6 5****♣ 10 8 3****♠ 10 8 5****♥ A K 7****♦ K Q 7 3****♣ A 7 4****8****11****16**

West      North      East      South

1 NT

**2 ♠**

Dbl

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠× by West

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.

**Deal 5**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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

8	♠ K J 5
10 5	♥ K J 7
17	♦ A 9 6
	♣ K Q 10 2

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

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 6**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ A J 6 3  
 ♥ 9 4  
 ♦ A 8 5  
 ♣ K J 10 3

**1**  
**13 16**  
**10**

	N	
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♠ 10 9 7  
 ♥ J 7 3  
 ♦ 10 6 4  
 ♣ 9 8 5 2

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

♠ 8 4 2  
 ♥ A K Q 6 5 2  
 ♦ J 9 2  
 ♣ 6

West	North	East	South
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
5 ♣ by East			

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 ♣.