

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 2
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ Q 10 2
 ♣ A 8 7 6 2

16
 8 11
 5

West

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ A Q 6

♥ Q 7 3

♦ A 8 5

♣ K J 9 4

W N
 S E

♠ K 10 9 7 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ 9 7 6 4

♣ Q

North

1 NT

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

2 ♠

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

This is a sign-off hand. If East hadn't bid you would either have bid 2 ♠, which partner would have passed, or 2 ♥, transferring partner to 2 ♠ which YOU would have passed.

With lebensohl you can do the same thing, so you bid 2 ♠ and partner passes.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 6 4 2
♥ Q J 2
♦ 10 2
♣ 10 8 5 2

16
3 10
11

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ 10 8 5
♥ A 8
♦ A K 7 6
♣ K Q 9 3



♠ K Q J 7 3
♥ 7 5
♦ 5 4 3
♣ A J 7

North

1 NT

4 ♠

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass

Partner's bid at the 3-level is forcing to game and shows a 5-card ♠ suit.

With 3-card support you are happy to bid 4 ♠.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

17
 2 10
 11

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ A 9 6
 ♥ Q 7 4
 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ A K 7 6



♠ K 8 5
 ♥ A K J 8 6
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ 8 4 3

North

1 NT

4 ♥

East

2 ♦

Pass

South

3 ♥

Pass

With 12 points opposite partner's 15-17, this is a forcing-to-game hand, so you bid 3 ♥. Don't think of it as a jump, just a 3-level bid showing at least 10 points and a 5+ card suit.

Partner has 3-card support and is happy to bid game in that suit.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 4

♥ 9 6 2

♦ J 10 9 8

♣ K Q

17
7 10
6

West

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ A 10 8 5

♦ A K 6

♣ J 6



♠ 8 6

♥ K Q J 7 3

♦ 5 4 3

♣ 9 7 2

North

1 NT

Pass

East

2 ♣

Pass

South

2 ♥

Partner's bid at the 2-level is a sign-off, the equivalent of the old "drop-dead" response.

So even with your great support and maximum hand, you pass.

Deal 5

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 10 8
♥ K J 9 5
♦ J 5 4
♣ 8 4

♠ 6 3
♥ 10 8
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A K Q J 5 2



♠ J 7 5 4 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 9 3

11
12 1
16

♠ K 9
♥ A Q 7 6
♦ A K 9 2
♣ 10 7 6

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

With 11 points opposite partner's 15-17, this is a forcing-to-game hand, and it is possible that a jump to 3 NT (which says you have no ♣ stopper) would work. However, with two 4-card Major suits you should use the lebensohl equivalent of Stayman, which is a cue-bid of 3 ♣.

Partner bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

With a known 8-card Major fit and a known 26-28 points you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 4 2
♥ 9 4 3
♦ A K J 9 5 4
♣ —

10
13 1
16

West

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 7 6
♥ K Q J 7
♦ 10 3
♣ A 10 7 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 3
♥ A 10 8 5
♦ Q 6
♣ K Q 6

North

3 ♦

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

3 ♥

Pass

Partner's direct cue-bid is the lebensohl equivalent of Stayman, but with no ♦ stopper.

With 4 cards in both Majors you bid 3 ♥.

Partner then bids 4 ♥ which you pass.