

Deal 1

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

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♠ 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.

Deal 2

North Deals	♠ K J 5
None Vul	♥ K J 7
	♦ A 9 6
	♣ K Q 10 2

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

¹⁷ 5 10 8	♠ Q 7 4
	♥ Q 10 9 6 5
	♦ 8 3
	♣ A 8 3

<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 South			

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 3

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



♠ K Q 5
♥ 10 8
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A Q 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass			Pass
5 ♣ by South			

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 ♣.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8
 ♥ 7 6 4
 ♦ A J 9 7
 ♣ 10 9 6 4

3
 9 17
 11

West

Dbl
 2 ♦× by South

♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 2
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ 6
 ♣ 8 2

♠ K 7 3
 ♥ A 9 5 2
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ A K J 5

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 ♥ K Q J 10
 ♦ K 10 8 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 7 3

North East South
 Pass 1 NT 2 ♦
 Pass Pass Pass

It is possible your side can make 3 NT on this deal. You have 9 points, invitational strength, and your ♦ stopper is excellent.

However you should look for an even bigger reward by doubling. South is in serious trouble, and when the opponents make a mistake you should punish them.

Deal 5

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6

♥ 10 9

♦ K Q 8 4 3 2

♣ J 9 5

♠ Q 10 8 4

♥ K 6

♦ A 10 7

♣ K 10 8 3

12
10 **2**
16

West North East South

1 NT

2 ♦ 2 NT Pass 3 ♣

Pass 3 ♦ Pass 3 ♥

Pass 3 NT Pass 4 ♠

Pass Pass Pass

4 ♠ by South

Partner's 2 NT bid requests that you bid 3 ♣, so you do. He next says 3 ♦.

Partner's bid is game-forcing Stayman, but with a ♦ stopper (SLOW SHOWS). Holding 4 cards in each Major you bid up-the-line, 4 ♥. Partner now bids 3 NT. What do you say?

Partner would not have asked for a 4-card Major unless he held one himself. Since it wasn't ♥s it must be the other one. You bid 4 ♠.