

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

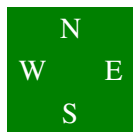
♠ T 6 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 7 4 3 2
♣ J 6 5 3

♠ K 9 5

♥ A J 9

♦ K Q 8 5

♣ A T 2



♠ A 7 4

♥ 7 6 3

♦ A J 6

♣ K 9 7 4

♠ Q J 8 2

♥ K Q T 8 4 2

♦ T

♣ Q 8

West

North

East

South

1NT

2♥

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by South

Baker Leben 13

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 3NT.

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

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q T 4
♥ K J 6
♦ A 9 7
♣ K T 8 3

♠ 8 6 3 2

♥ 8 4

♦ 6 5 4 2

♣ J 4 2



♠ A J 5

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q T 8 3

♣ A Q 7

♠ K 9 7

♥ A Q T 5 3 2

♦ J

♣ 9 6 5

West

North

East

South

1NT

2NT

Pass

3♣

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by West

Baker Leben 14

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

He next says 3NT.

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

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J T 8 6 3

♥ 4

♦ 7 2

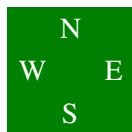
♣ A Q J 2

♠ A Q 5

♥ K 8 3

♦ Q J 9 4

♣ 7 6 4



♠ 9

♥ J T 9 7 6 5 2

♦ T 8 6

♣ 8 5

♠ 7 4 2

♥ A Q

♦ A K 5 3

♣ K T 9 3

West

North

East

South

2♠

2NT

Pass

3♣

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3 NT by North

Baker Leben 15

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

Partner says 3♣. What do you bid?

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

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2

♥ Q

♦ 6 5

♣ Q J T 9

♠ K J 7 3

♥ 9 6 4

♦ J 8 2

♣ K 6 5

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♠ -

♥ J T 8 5 3 2

♦ A T 9 4

♣ 8 3 2

♠ T 8 5

♥ A K 7

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ A 7 4

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Dbl

All Pass

1NT

2 ♠ X by West

Baker Leben 16

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.