

Deal 1

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

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♠ J 7 5 4 2

♥ 4 3 2

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 9 3

♠ K 9
 ♥ A Q 7 6
 ♦ A K 9 2
 ♣ 10 7 6

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	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 2

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



10
13 1
16

West	North	East	South
2 ♦	3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

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.

Deal 3

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

♣ A J 9 8

♠ 6 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ Q 9 8 7 5 4
♣ K 4

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	2 ♠	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♦ by South

With your hand you'd like to sign off in 3 ♦. But you cannot actually bid 3 ♦ because that would show a forcing-to-game hand. So you bid a lebensohl 2 NT.

Partner makes the relay bid of 3 ♣. What do you say?

NOW you can bid 3 ♦, which partner passes.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 2
♥ 8
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ 10 9 8 3 2

♠ A 8 7
♥ K 6 5
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ K Q 6



♠ J 10 9 6 4 3
♥ A 10 3
♦ A 2
♣ A 5

♠ 5
♥ Q J 9 7 4 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ J 7 4

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

Partner's 2 NT bid is lebensohl, asking you to bid 3 ♣. You bid 3 ♣. Partner says 3 ♥.

What do you say now?

How about . . . pass? Partner just signed off with this sequence. He couldn't bid 3 ♥ directly, that would have been a game-force.