

Deal 1
South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5 2
♦ 4
♣ Q J 6

12
11 o
17

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ A J 6
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ 10 8 6 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 8 5 3

♠ K 9 5
♥ A J 9
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ A 10 2

West North East South
2 ♥ 3 NT Pass 1 NT
Pass
3 NT by South

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

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

♠ K 6 3	♠ 9 8 7 2
♥ A Q 10 8 3 2	W N E S
♦ J 6 2	♥ 5 4
♣ J	♦ 5 4
	♣ 9 6 5 4 2
	♠ A J 5
13	♥ 9 7
11 o	♦ K Q 10 8 3
16	♣ A Q 7

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

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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 5

North Deals

None Vul

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

17
5 10
8



♠ A 8
♥ 8
♦ K Q 7 5 4 2
♣ J 7 6 4

♠ 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 6

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

$\begin{matrix} & 13 \\ 10 & 1 \\ & 16 \end{matrix}$		$\begin{matrix} \spadesuit \text{ K Q 5} \\ \heartsuit \text{ 10 8} \\ \diamondsuit \text{ K Q 7 3} \\ \clubsuit \text{ A Q 7 4} \end{matrix}$
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West	North	East	South
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 ♣.