

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 4 2
♥ 9 4 3
♦ 9 8 7
♣ J 8 5

♠ K Q 9 3

♥ A T 8 5

♦ Q 6

♣ K Q 6

	N	
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♠ A T 5

♥ 6 2

♦ A K J 5 4 2

♣ 9 4

♠ 7 6

♥ K Q J 7

♦ T 3

♣ A T 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♦	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

Baker Leben 6

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.

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 4
♥ A Q J
♦ K J 3
♣ Q 7 6 3

♠ K Q J 9 7 5

♥ 9 7 4 2

♦ A 2

♣ J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 6 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ Q 9 8 7 5 4
♣ K 4

♠ T 3
♥ K T 6
♦ T 6
♣ A T 9 8 5 2

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

3♦ by East

Baker Leben 7

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 2NT.

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

NOW you can bid 3♦, which partner passes.

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 6

♥ A 3

♦ A 7 2

♣ T 9 8 5 2

♠ A 8 7

♥ K 6 5

♦ Q J T 6

♣ K Q 6



♠ Q J T 4 3 2

♥ T 8

♦ K 8 5

♣ A 3

♠ 5

♥ Q J 9 7 4 2

♦ 9 4 3

♣ J 7 4

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♠	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

3♥ by South

Baker Leben 8

Partner's 2NT 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.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

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

West	North	East	South
1NT	2♠	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

4♥ by West

Baker Leben 9

With your 12 point hand you need to force to game. It would also be nice to find out if partner has a 4-card ♥ suit. So you cue-bid 3♠. This is the lebensohl version of Stayman, but WITH NO ♠ STOPPER. (Direct Denies)

Partner says 4♥ and you pass.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ Q 8 6 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 8 5 4 2

♣ T 3 2

♠ A 9 7

♥ A J T

♦ K T 6

♣ K Q 9 4



♠ J 4 3

♥ K Q 9 7 6 4

♦ 9

♣ A J 6

♠ K T 5

♥ 5 2

♦ A Q J 7 3

♣ 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
	1NT	2♥	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

Baker Leben 10

Partner has promised at least a 5-card ♦ suit, and game-forcing strength. With your great ♥ stoppers you bid 3NT.