

Deal 1

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
	♠ K Q 9 3
10	♥ A 10 8 5
13 1	♦ Q 6
16	♣ K Q 6

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
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 2

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 3
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

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♠ 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

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

Deal 4	♠ 8 4		
South Deals	♥ 9 8 5 3		
None Vul	♦ K Q J 4		
	♣ A Q 7		
♠ A K Q 10 9 3	♠ J 6		
♥ J 2	♥ 10 7 4		
♦ 10 9 8	♦ 7 6 5 2		
♣ 5 4	♣ J 9 6 2		
	♠ 7 5 2		
12	♥ A K Q 6		
10 2	♦ A 3		
16	♣ K 10 8 3		
West	North	East	South
			1 NT
2 ♠	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

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.

Deal 5

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

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

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

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