

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 5 4 2
 ♥ T 8 2
 ♦ Q 6 3
 ♣ J 3

♠ K 9

♥ A Q 7 6

♦ A K 9 2

♣ T 7 6



♠ A Q T 8

♥ K J 9 5

♦ J 5 4

♣ 8 4

♠ J 3

♥ 4 3

♦ T 8 7

♣ A K Q 9 5 2

West

North

East

South

1NT

2♣

3♣

Pass

3♥

Pass

4♥

All Pass

4♥ by South

Baker Leben 5

With 11 points opposite partner's 15-17, this is a forcing-to-game hand, and it is possible that a jump to 3NT (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♥.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 6
♥ K Q J 7
♦ T 3
♣ A T 7 3 2

♠ 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

♠ A T 5

♥ 6 2

♦ A K J 5 4 2

♣ 9 4

West

North

East

South

3 ♦

Pass

1NT

2 ♦

4 ♥

All Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by West

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 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ T 3
♥ K T 6
♦ T 6
♣ A T 9 8 5 2

♠ 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

♠ 6 2

♥ 8 5 3

♦ Q 9 8 7 5 4

♣ K 4

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

3♦ by South

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 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 5
♥ Q J 9 7 4 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ J 7 4

♠ 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

West

North

East

South

2NT

Pass

3♣

Pass

3♥

All Pass

3♥ by West

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.