

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

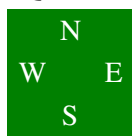
♠ 4
♥ A K J T 9 5
♦ Q J 3 2
♣ 5 2

♠ K T 9 7 5 3

♥ 6 4

♦ 9 7 6 4

♣ Q



♠ J 8 2

♥ 8 2

♦ K T

♣ A T 8 7 6 3

♠ A Q 6

♥ Q 7 3

♦ A 8 5

♣ K J 9 4

West

North

East

South

2♥

2♠

All Pass

1NT

2♠ by North

Baker Leben 1

This is a sign-off hand. If West hadn't bid you would either have bid 2♠, which partner would have passed, or 2♥, transferring partner to 2♠ which YOU would have passed.

With lebensohl you can do the same thing, so you bid 2♠ and partner passes.

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ T 8 5
♥ A 8
♦ A K 7 6
♣ K Q 9 3

♠ A 6
♥ Q J 6 4 3 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ 4 2



♠ K Q J 7 3
♥ 7 5
♦ 5 4 3
♣ A J 7

♠ 9 4 2
♥ K T 9
♦ T 8 2
♣ T 8 6 5

West

1NT

4♠

North

2♥

All Pass

East

3♠

South

Pass

4♠ by West

Baker Leben 2

Partner's bid at the 3-level is forcing to game and shows a 5-card ♠ suit.

With 3-card support you are happy to bid 4♠.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q T 7 4 3 2

♥ T 5 3

♦ 9 6

♣ T 2

♠ A 9 6

♥ Q 7 4

♦ A 8 5

♣ A K 7 6



♠ J

♥ 9 2

♦ K Q J T 4 3

♣ Q J 9 5

♠ K 8 5

♥ A K J 8 6

♦ 7 2

♣ 8 4 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

1NT

2♦

3♥

4♥

All Pass

4♥ by North

Baker Leben 3

With 12 points opposite partner's 15-17, this is a forcing-to-game hand, so you bid 3♥. Don't think of it as a jump, just a 3-level bid showing at least 10 points and a 5+ card suit.

Partner has 3-card support and is happy to bid game in that suit.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 6
♥ K Q J 7 3
♦ 5 4 3
♣ 9 7 2

♠ J 7 5 4

♥ 9 6 4

♦ T 9 8 2

♣ 8 3



♠ K Q 9 3
♥ A T 8 5
♦ A K 6
♣ J 6

♠ A T 2

♥ 2

♦ Q J 7

♣ A K Q T 5 4

West

North

East

South

2♥

All Pass

1NT

2♣

2♥ by West

Baker Leben 4

Partner's bid at the 2-level is a sign-off, the equivalent of the old "drop-dead" response.

So even with your great support and maximum hand, you pass.

Board 5

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 6

East Deals

E-W 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.