

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ A J 6
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ Q J 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5 2
♦ 4
♣ Q J 6

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 6 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 8 5 3

12
11 0
17

♠ K 9 5
♥ A J 9
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ A 10 2

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

None Vul

♠ K 6 3

♥ A Q 10 8 3 2

♦ J 6 2

♣ J

13
11 0
16

♠ Q 10 4

♥ K J 6

♦ A 9 7

♣ K 10 8 3

♠ A J 5

♥ 9 7

♦ K Q 10 8 3

♣ A Q 7



♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ 5 4

♦ 5 4

♣ 9 6 5 4 2

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

2 NT

3 NT

Pass

Pass

1 NT

3 ♣

Pass

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

None Vul

♠ A Q 5

♥ K 8 3

♦ Q J 9 4

♣ 7 6 4

♠ K J 10 8 6 3

♥ 10 4

♦ 10 6

♣ A Q 8



♠ 9

♥ J 9 7 6 5 2

♦ 8 7 2

♣ J 5 2

♠ 7 4 2

♥ A Q

♦ A K 5 3

♣ K 10 9 3

12
10 2
16

West

North

East

South

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

2 NT

3 NT

Pass

Pass

1 NT

3 ♣

Pass

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

West

Dbl

2 ♠ × by South

♠ —

♥ J 10 8 5 3 2

♦ A 10 6 5

♣ 10 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2

♥ Q

♦ 9 4

♣ Q J 9 2

North

Pass

East

1 NT

Pass

South

2 ♠

Pass

Playing lebensohl, when partner doubles
the overcall it is for penalties.

Since you trust your partner, you pass.