

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ K 9 5		
None Vul	♥ A J 9		
	♦ K Q 8 5		
	♣ A 10 2		
♠ 10 8 6 2	♠ Q J 3		
♥ 4	♥ K Q 10 8 5 2		
♦ 10 9 7 3 2	♦ 4		
♣ 8 5 3	♣ Q J 6		
	♠ A 7 4		
o 17	♥ 7 6 3		
11	♦ A J 6		
12	♣ K 9 7 4		
West	North	East	South
	1 NT	2 ♥	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

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	♦ Q 10 4
None Vul	♥ K J 6
	♦ A 9 7
	♣ K 10 8 3

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

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

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

North Deals	♠ 7 4 2
None Vul	♥ A Q
	♦ A K 5 3
	♣ K 10 9 3

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



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

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	2 ♣	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

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 East'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

♠ —
♥ J 10 8 5 3 2
♦ A 10 6 5
♣ 10 8 3

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♠ 10 8 5
♥ A K 7
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A 7 4

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2
♥ Q
♦ 9 4
♣ Q J 9 2

West	North	East	South
		1 NT	2 ♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♠× by South			

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.