

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

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.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A
♥ K 10 9 6 4 3
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ 6 4

♠ 10 8 5
♥ A 8
♦ A K 7 6
♣ K Q 9 3



♠ 9 6 4 2
♥ Q J 2
♦ 10 2
♣ 10 8 5 2

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West *North* *East* *South*
1 NT 2 ♥ 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
4 ♠ by East

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 ♠.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 4 3
 ♥ 10 2
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ J 10 9 5 2

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♠ A 9 6
 ♥ Q 7 4
 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ A K 7 6

♠ Q 10 2
 ♥ 9 5 3
 ♦ K Q J 10 9 3
 ♣ Q

♠ K 8 5
 ♥ A K J 8 6
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ 8 4 3

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	2 ♦	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

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.

Deal 4
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6
♥ K Q J 7 3
♦ 5 4 3
♣ 9 7 2

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♠ J 10 7 4
♥ 9 6 2
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ K Q

♠ A 5 2
♥ 4
♦ Q 7 2
♣ A 10 8 5 4 3

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

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.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7 5 4 2	♦ 8 6 3	♣ 9 3
♥ 4 3 2		
	♦ 8 6 3	
	♣ 9 3	

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

♠ A Q 10 8	♦ J 5 4
♥ K J 9 5	♣ 8 4

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	2 ♣	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

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

Deal 6

East Deals	♠ 10 8 5
None Vul	♥ 6 2
	♦ 8 7 2
	♣ J 9 8 5 4
	♠ 7 6
	♥ K Q J 7
	♦ 10 3
	♣ A 10 7 3 2

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♠ K Q 9 3
♥ A 10 8 5
♦ Q 6
♣ K Q 6

♠ A J 4 2
♥ 9 4 3
♦ A K J 9 5 4
♣ —

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by East			

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 7

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 8

East Deals	♠ K Q 2
None Vul	♥ 8
	♦ K 8 7 5
	♣ 10 9 8 3 2
	♠ 5
	♥ Q J 9 7 4 2
	♦ 9 4 3
	♣ J 7 4
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	4 15
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	♠ J 10 9 6 4 3
	♥ A 10 3
	♦ A 2
	♣ A 5

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



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 9North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 6
 ♥ 10 7 4
 ♦ 7 6 5 2
 ♣ J 9 6 2

♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ A K Q 6
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ K 10 8 3



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

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 ♣ A Q 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	2 ♠	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

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 10
East Deals
None Vul

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

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♠ A 9 7
♥ A J 10
♦ K 10 6
♣ K Q 9 4

♠ J 3 2
♥ K Q 9 8 6 4
♦ 8

♣ A 10 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♦	Pass	1 NT	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	3 NT	Pass
3 NT by East			

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

Deal 11

	♠ A Q		
South Deals	♥ K 8 5 3		
None Vul	♦ Q J 9 4		
	♣ 7 6 4		
♠ K J 10 8 6 4	♠ 9 3		
♥ J 4	♥ 10 9 7 6 2		
♦ 10 6	♦ 8 7 2		
♣ A Q 9	♣ J 5 2		
	♠ 7 5 2		
12	♥ A Q		
11 1	♦ A K 5 3		
16	♣ K 10 8 3		
West	North	East	South
			1 NT
2 ♠	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT 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. Since you have West's ♠ suit stopped, you first bid a lebensohl 2 NT.

Partner says 3 ♣. What do you bid?

NOW you cue-bid 3 ♠. This is Stayman, but with a ♠ stopper, (SLOW SHOWS). Partner says 3 NT and you pass.

Deal 12West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 8
 ♥ A J 5
 ♦ 10 6
 ♣ K Q J 9 4

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♠ A 7
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ K J 7 4 3 2
 ♣ A 8 6

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♠ J 9 6 4
 ♥ K Q 7 3
 ♦ A Q 9
 ♣ 10 3

♠ 10 5 3 2
 ♥ 8 6 4 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 7 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	2 ♦	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

Partner's 2 NT bid requests that you bid 3 ♣, so you do.

He next says 3 ♦.

Partner has just described a hand with which he wants to play in game, which has at least one 4-card Major suit, and has ♦s stopped. He wants you to pick the game.

With no 4-card Major of your own, you pick 3 NT.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 5
♥ A J 9
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ A 10 2

♠ 10 8 6 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 8 5 3

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West

North

1 NT

Pass



♠ Q J 3
♥ K Q 10 8 5 2
♦ 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ A 7 4
♥ 7 6 3
♦ A J 6
♣ K 9 7 4

East
2 ♥
Pass

South
3 NT
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 14East Deals
None Vul

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

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♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ 5 4
 ♦ 5 4

♣ 9 6 5 4 2

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♠ A J 5
 ♥ 9 7
 ♦ K Q 10 8 3
 ♣ A Q 7

♠ K 6 3
 ♥ A Q 10 8 3 2
 ♦ J 6 2
 ♣ J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	2 ♥
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by East			

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 15

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

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 16

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 3

♥ 9 6 4

♦ J 8 2

♣ K 6 5

♠ A Q 9 6 4 2	♠ —		
♥ Q	♥ J 10 8 5 3 2		
♦ 9 4	♦ A 10 6 5		
♣ Q J 9 2	♣ 10 8 3		
	♠ 10 8 5		
8	♥ A K 7		
11 5	♦ K Q 7 3		
16	♣ A 7 4		
West	North	East	South
2 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
2 ♠× by West			

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

Since you trust your partner, you pass.

Deal 17
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
2 ♦	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

With 9 points you don't want to sign-off with 2 ♥. But you aren't strong enough to force to game with a 3 ♥ bid either. So you start an invitational sequence by bidding 2 NT.

Partner says 3 ♣. What do you bid?

Now you bid 3 ♥. Partner will realize you have better than a sign-off, but were not good enough to bid 3 ♥ immediately. He has a maximum, and he knows you have a 5-card suit, so he bids 4 ♥.

Deal 18East Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 6 3
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ K J 10 3

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♠ 8 4 2
 ♥ A K Q 6 5 2
 ♦ J 9 2
 ♣ 6

West	North	East	South
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
5 ♣ by East			

♠ 10 9 7

♥ J 7 3

♦ 10 6 4

♣ 9 8 5 2

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♠ K Q 5
 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ K Q 7 3
 ♣ A Q 7 4

Partner's bid asks if you have 4 ♠s, and denies a ♥ stopper. (DIRECT DENIES)

You don't have 4 ♠s, nor can you stop ♥s. You have no choice but to bid one of the 4-card Minor suits, so you go up-the-line and bid 4 ♣. Partner bids 5 ♣.

Deal 19East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8
 ♥ 7 6 4
 ♦ A J 9 7
 ♣ 10 9 6 4

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West North East South
 Dbl Pass Pass Pass
 2♦× by South

♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 4 2
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ 6
 ♣ 8 2

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♠ K 7 3
 ♥ A 9 5 2
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ A K J 5

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 ♥ K Q J 10
 ♦ K 10 8 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 7 3

It is possible your side can make 3 NT on this deal. You have 9 points, invitational strength, and your ♦ stopper is excellent.

However you should look for an even bigger reward by doubling. South is in serious trouble, and when the opponents make a mistake you should punish them.

Deal 20

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 3

♥ A Q 8 7

♦ 9 5

♣ A Q 7

♠ A 6

♥ 10 9

♦ K Q 8 4 3 2

♣ J 9 5



♠ Q 10 8 4

♥ K 6

♦ A 10 7

♣ K 10 8 3

♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ J 5 4 3 2
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ 6 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	2 ♦	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by West			

Partner's 2 NT bid requests that you bid 3 ♣, so you do. He next says 3 ♦.

Partner's bid is game-forcing Stayman, but with a ♦ stopper (SLOW SHOWS). Holding 4 cards in each Major you bid up-the-line, 4 ♥. Partner now bids 3 NT. What do you say?

Partner would not have asked for a 4-card Major unless he held one himself. Since it wasn't ♥s it must be the other one. You bid 4 ♠.