

Intermediate Lesson 4: Combating Interference over our 1 NT **NZBridge**

Board 1
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ K 7 6
 ♥ 9 5 3
 ♦ A Q 8 4
 ♣ K 8 2

♠ J 9 5 2
 ♥ 8 7 4
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ 9 5 4

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	2 ♥	3 ♠
	4 ♠	All pass	

With 5 spades and enough HCP for game, the jump to 3 ♠ offers North a choice of game in either 3 NT or 4 ♠

With 3 spades and no heart hold, North chooses 4 ♠ which should make despite the bad trump break.

Board 5
 North Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ A 8 7 5
 ♥ A K J 2
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ 8 7

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

♠ K 4
 ♥ Q 8 7
 ♦ K Q J 8 7 5
 ♣ 9 4

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

West	North	East	South
All pass	1 NT	2 ♦	3 NT

Over East's natural 2 ♦ South has the values and the diamond hold to bid game.

As long as North ducks the opening ♦ K lead, game will make.

Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ Q 8 7 5
 ♥ K 8 2
 ♦ 8 6 3 2
 ♣ K 5

♠ 10 2
 ♥ A Q 9 7 6 3
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ A 8 7

♠ J 9 6
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ Q 10 9 5
 ♣ J 10 9 4

♠ A K 4 3
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ A J 4
 ♣ Q 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♠	All pass	Dbl

Although North does not have the right shape to compete, South does.

If South does not bid, they would concede -110 rather than scoring at least 8 tricks in spades.

Board 6
 East Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ J 10 4
 ♥ 5
 ♦ Q 8 7 6
 ♣ K Q 9 6 3

♠ 9 7 6
 ♥ Q 9 6 4
 ♦ A 10
 ♣ 8 7 5 2

♠ Q 8 3 2
 ♥ K J 8 7 2
 ♦ J 5 4
 ♣ A

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

West	North	East	South
2 ♥	2 NT	1 ♥	1 NT
All pass		Pass	3 ♣

The same rules apply after one side makes a strong 1 NT overcall.

North's 2 NT (Lebensohl) requires South to bid 3 ♣, enabling the partnership to play in a safe making part-score.

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ K J 10 6
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ A 9 3
 ♣ Q 8 7 5

♠ A Q 8 7 5
 ♥ A J 8 4
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ 9 6

♠ 4 3
 ♥ 10 6 2
 ♦ K Q 8 6 5
 ♣ 10 4 3

♠ 9 2
 ♥ K Q 9 7
 ♦ J 10 7
 ♣ A K J 2

West	North	East	South
2 ♣	Dbl	2 ♥	1 NT
All pass			Dbl

2 ♣ by West shows both majors.

North's double shows at least 10 hcp with an interest in competing. It does not necessarily show clubs.

South's double is for penalties which North is happy to pass. 2 ♣x is a likely to go two down.

Board 7
 South Deals
 Both Vul

♠ 7 5
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ A Q J 10 6 4
 ♣ A K 9

♠ K J 10 4
 ♥ A Q 6
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ Q 8 7 5

♠ A 9 6 3
 ♥ K J 5 3
 ♦ K 9
 ♣ J 10 4

♠ Q 8 2
 ♥ 10 9 4 2
 ♦ 5 3 2
 ♣ 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
1 NT	3 ♦	Dbl	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

North's 3 ♦ shows 10-15 HCP and a good 6 card suit.

East is strong enough and the right shape to make a take-out double and then raise to the spade game. A trump finesse through South will be needed to make this contract.

Board 4
 West Deals
 Both Vul

♠ A Q 3
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ K J 10 9 8 2

♠ K J 8 5
 ♥ Q 8 7
 ♦ A 9 3 2
 ♣ Q 5

♠ 10 9 4
 ♥ K J 9 6 3 2
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ A 4

♠ 7 6 2
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ Q 10 7 6 5
 ♣ 7 6 3

West	North	East	South
1 NT	2 ♦	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Dbl	3 ♥	All pass

2 ♦ by North shows any single suited hand in the 10-15 HCP range.

East wants to invite game in hearts and uses 2 NT Lebensohl before bidding 3 ♥ to do so.

West is minimum with a potentially useless ♣ Q and so passes. East should make 9 tricks.

Board 8
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q J 8 5 3
 ♥ A 9
 ♦ A 10 3 2
 ♣ Q 9

♠ K 7 6
 ♥ K Q 8
 ♦ K Q 5 4
 ♣ 7 4 3

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

♠ 10 9 2
 ♥ 6 5 4 3 2
 ♦ J 9 6
 ♣ A 8

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

2 ♠ shows 5 spades and 4+ cards in a minor, 10-15 HCP.

East has enough to compete to 3 ♣ and uses the Lebensohl 2 NT to do so. 9 or 10 tricks should be made in this contract.