

The Good-Bad 2NT

West North East South

1♠ 2♦ 2♠ 2NT!

Hand A Hand B Hand C

♠ A2	♠ 62	♠ 62
♥ J63	♥ J63	♥ QJ109863
♦ K862	♦ K962	♦ 93
♣ Q853	♣ 9853	♣ 102

Yet another use for Lebensohl. 2NT can hardly be used as natural here, so we utilise the bid as Lebensohl. If we wish to merely compete in partner's suit or an unbid suit, we go via Lebensohl. A direct bid shows values but should not be forcing.

With Hand A we bid 3♦, showing values.

With Hand B we bid 2NT; followed by 3♦ over partner 3♣ reply – a weak raise.

With Hand C we bid 2NT; followed by 3♥ over partner's 3♣ reply – weak. The good-bad 2NT has many applications and may occur whichever side has opened the bidding.

But be wary of this convention – it is easily forgotten and is perhaps best left to the experts.

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