

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 7 3
♥ J 10 8
♦ J 4 3 2
♣ Q 7 2

13
7 7
13

♠ 10 9 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ 10 8 6
♣ A K 5 4



♠ Q J 8 6 5
♥ K 9 2
♦ A K
♣ 8 6 3

♠ A 4
♥ 7 6 5 4
♦ Q 9 7 5
♣ J 10 9

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1 ♣ | Pass | 1 ♠ |
| Pass | 1 NT | Pass | 2 ♦ |
| Pass | 2 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

4 ♠ by South

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1 NT.

Partner has a minimum hand, balanced. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has only 2 ♠s then 3 NT should be best. But if he has 3 ♠s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. The way to find out is with New Minor Forcing. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner answers with 2 ♠.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♠s. You already know he has a minimum strength hand. You bid the ♠ game.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ Q J
♦ Q 5 3 2
♣ K 7 2

13
8 6
13

♠ K Q J 10 2
♥ K 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ A 5 4



♠ 9 6
♥ A 8 2
♦ A K 7 4
♣ Q 8 6 3

♠ A 5
♥ 10 9 7 5 4
♦ J 10 9
♣ J 10 9

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | 1 ♦ |
| Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass | 1 NT |
| Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass | 2 NT |
| Pass | 3 NT | ALL | Pass |
| 3 NT by South | | | |

You are the dealer.

With 13 points and 4 cards in each minor suit you should open 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♠.

You have a minimum, balanced hand. It would not be wrong to say 2 ♣, but 1 NT is probably better. Partner says 2 ♣.

Do not support the ♣s if you have another decent bid. This is New Minor Forcing and partner may or may not have a ♣ suit. You do not have 3 ♠s. You do not have a 4-card ♥ suit. You do have a ♥ stopper, so bid 2 NT. Partner then bids 3 NT.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10
♥ J 10 8
♦ A 9 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 6

13
7 9
11

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ 9 6 2
♥ A 5 3
♦ K Q J 5
♣ K 8 4



♠ Q 7 4
♥ K Q 6 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A 5 3

North

1 ♦

1 NT

2 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

2 ♣

Pass

With 12 points you know game is likely, but for now you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. If he is at the top, game could still be there, but you aren't sure where to play. If partner has only 2 ♥s then NT is probably best, but if he has 3 ♥s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. New Minor Forcing will allow partner to answer both questions for you. So you bid 2 ♣. Partner answers with 2 ♥.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♥s. But he also tells you he has minimum strength - in other words not 14 points. So you pass and accept the partscore.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ 8 7 4
♦ J 9 3 2
♣ A K J 6 3

13
9 5
13

♠ A K Q 5 2
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ 7 5
♣ 10 4



♠ 6 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A K 8 6
♣ 9 8 5

♠ J 10 9 7 4
♥ 9 5
♦ Q 10 4
♣ Q 7 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | 1 ♦ |
| Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass | 1 NT |
| Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass | 2 ♥ |
| Pass | 4 ♥ | ALL | Pass |

4 ♥ by South

You are the dealer.

With 13 points you open your 4-card minor, 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♠.

You have a great ♥ suit, but can't bid it. A 2 ♥ bid here would be a Reverse and you are nowhere near strong enough. So instead you say 1 NT.

Partner says 2 ♣. What do you bid?

This is New Minor Forcing and your first priority is to show a 4-card ♥ suit. You bid 2 ♥ and partner raises to 4 ♥.