

**Deal 1**

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

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| $\begin{matrix} 12 \\ 7 \quad 8 \\ 13 \end{matrix}$ | $\begin{matrix} \spadesuit \ K Q J 4 \ 2 \\ \heartsuit \ K 5 \\ \diamondsuit \ A 5 \ 2 \\ \clubsuit \ 7 \ 5 \ 3 \end{matrix}$ |
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|              |       |      |       |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
| West         | North | East | South |
|              | 1 ♥   | Pass | 1 ♠   |
| Pass         | 1 NT  | Pass | 2 ♦   |
| Pass         | 2 ♠   | Pass | 4 ♠   |
| Pass         | Pass  | Pass |       |
| 4 ♠ by South |       |      |       |



SOUTH's 2  
 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$   
 bid is New Minor Forcing.  
 SOUTH chose  
 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$   
 $\hat{s}$  rather than  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\hat{f}s$  simply  
 because the  
 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}!$   
 $s$  were stronger.

**Deal 2**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
10 6  
16

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

♠ A Q 9 7 3  
♥ 10 3  
♦ 10 7 6 3  
♣ 10 9

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

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

3 ♥ by South

SOUTH is unlikely to win 10 tricks if NORTH has three  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ell$  losers.

SOUTH's 3 $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ell$  bid is a Help Suit Game try.

With no help in  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\ell$ s and no ruffing values, NORTH's 8 points are

not enough to think of game, so NORTH signs off in 3

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}\Psi$

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**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul**♠ K 8****♥ Q 8 5****♦ J 8 4****♣ A K J 7 3****♠ Q 9 3****♥ J 3 2****♦ A 10 7 5****♣ 10 9 2****14  
7 6  
13**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

**♠ 10 5 4****♥ A 7 6****♦ 9 3 2****♣ Q 8 6 5****♠ A J 7 6 2****♥ K 10 9 4****♦ K Q 6****♣ 4***West**North**East**South***1 ♠**

Pass

**2 ♣**

Pass

**2 ♥**

Pass

**3 ♦**

Pass

**3 NT**

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

NORTH's 3

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bid is Fourth Suit Forcing and

does NOT show a

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stopper.

The bid asks SOUTH to further describe her hand.

SOUTH does not have a rebiddable suit, but does have

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s stopped so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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



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

10  
 10 8  
 12

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

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

2 NT by South

NORTH cannot rebid the 5-card  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  suit,  
 cannot support SOUTH's

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}|$

s,

and cannot bid Notrump without a

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}Y$

stopper.

So she bids  $3\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}L$ , New Minor Forcing,  
 asking SOUTH to describe his hand  
 further.

SOUTH doesn't have three  $\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}$  s, nor does  
 he have four

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}Y$

s.

But he does have

$\hat{a}^{\text{TM}}Y$

s stopped, so bids 2 NT. North is not strong

enough to bid game so she passes.

**Deal 5**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

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

7  
9 10  
14

♣ 7

♠ J 8 7  
♥ J 10  
♦ Q 8 7 2  
♣ A Q 4 3

♠ A K 10 6 2  
♥ A 4 3  
♦ K 9 6 4  
♣ A

West      North      East      South

Pass      2 ♠      Pass      3 ♦  
Pass      4 ♠      Pass      Pass  
Pass  
4 ♠ by South

SOUTH's 3

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bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH has excellent help in

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s

so with 8 points he bids the game.

**Deal 6**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

|               |             |      |       |
|---------------|-------------|------|-------|
| ♠ 9           | ♠ Q J 8 3   |      |       |
| ♥ 8 6 5 3     | ♥ A Q J 7   |      |       |
| ♦ A 10 8 6 2  | ♦ J 9       |      |       |
| ♣ J 9 5       | ♣ K 10 2    |      |       |
|               | ♠ K 7 6 4 2 |      |       |
|               | ♥ K 9 2     |      |       |
|               | ♦ 5 3       |      |       |
|               | ♣ Q 7 4     |      |       |
|               | ♠ A 10 5    |      |       |
|               | ♥ 10 4      |      |       |
|               | ♦ K Q 7 4   |      |       |
|               | ♣ A 8 6 3   |      |       |
| West          | North       | East | South |
| Pass          | 1 ♥         | Pass | 1 ♦   |
| Pass          | 3 NT        | Pass | 1 NT  |
| Pass          |             |      | Pass  |
| 3 NT by South |             |      |       |

NORTH has no reason to consider New Minor Forcing with this hand.

SOUTH does not have four

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s or he would have already supported, and

he does not have four â™s or he would not have bid 1 NT.

So NORTH should bid the Notrump game.