

<b>Deal 1</b>	♠ K Q J 4 2	NORTH's 2		
South Deals	♥ K 5	♦		
None Vul	♦ A 5 2			
	♣ 7 5 3			
♠ 10 8	♠ 9 6 5	bid is New Minor Forcing.		
♥ A 7 3	♥ 9 6 4			
♦ Q J 10 7 4	♦ 9 3	NORTH chose		
♣ J 10 2	♣ A K 9 8 6			
	♠ A 7 3	♦		
8 13 7 12	♥ Q J 10 8 2			
	♦ K 8 6	s rather than ♣s simply		
	♣ Q 4			
West	North	East	South	because the
			1 ♥	
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	♦
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♡	
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	Pass	s were stronger.
Pass				
4 ♣ by North				

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
 8 16  
 10

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

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

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

EAST is unlikely to win 10 tricks if WEST has three ♣ losers.

EAST's 3♣ bid is a Help Suit Game try.

With no help in ♣s and no ruffing values, WEST's 8 points are

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

♥

**Deal 3**

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

$\begin{matrix} 14 \\ 7 \quad 6 \\ 13 \end{matrix}$	♠ 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

♦

bid is Fourth Suit Forcing and

does NOT show a

♦

stopper.

The bid asks SOUTH to further describe her hand.

SOUTH does not have a rebiddable suit, but does have

♦

s stopped so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

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

N  
W E  
S

10	♠ A J 3
12 10	♥ J 8 4 2
8	♦ J 7 6
	♣ J 9 2

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

EAST cannot rebid the 5-card ♠ suit,  
cannot support WEST's

♦

s,

and cannot bid Notrump without a

♥

stopper.

So she bids 3♣, New Minor Forcing,  
asking WEST to describe his hand  
further.

WEST doesn't have three ♠s, nor does he  
have four

♥

s.

But he does have

♥

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

enough to bid game so she passes.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

**♣ 7****♠ J 8 7****♥ J 10****♦ Q 8 7 2****♣ A Q 4 3****14  
10 9  
7****♠ 9****♥ K Q 9 8 6 2****♦ 5****♣ K J 10 9 8****♠ Q 5 4 3****♥ 7 5****♦ A J 10 3****♣ 6 5 2****West****North****East****South****1 ♠****Pass****2 ♠****Pass****3 ♦****Pass****4 ♠****Pass****4 ♠ by North**

NORTH's 3

♦

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH has excellent help in

♦

S

so with 8 points he bids the game.

**Deal 6**East Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
 14 13  
 5

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

N  
 W E  
 S

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

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

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

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

EAST does not have four

♥

s or he would have already supported, and

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

So WEST should bid the Notrump game.

**Deal 7**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 5  
 ♥ A J 10 6  
 ♦ J 8 3  
 ♣ 9 7 3

<sup>13</sup>  
 7 8  
<sub>12</sub>

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 3  
 ♥ 3 2  
 ♦ K Q 10 7 5 2  
 ♣ K 8 2

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

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH might well bid 3 NT at his second turn, and this may turn out to be the

final contract anyway.

But it doesn't hurt to bid 2

♦

(Fourth Suit Forcing) just to

see if NORTH happens to have three ♠s. She does, so 4 ♠ becomes the better game.

**Deal 8**West Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
13 13  
5

West  
1♣  
1 NT  
2 ♥  
Pass  
4 ♥ by West

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

North East South  
Pass 1♠ Pass  
Pass 2♦ Pass  
Pass 4♥ Pass

WEST isn't strong enough to make a Reverse bid of 2

♥

at his second turn.

EAST uses the 2

♦

(NMF) bid to ask WEST for further description.

WEST should first show a 4-card

♥

suit, and next show 3-card ♠ support.

Change WEST's

♥

9 to the ♠9 and the contract would be 4♠.

**Deal 9**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 10 7	♦ 3
♥ 7 6 5	♣ A K 8 4

♠ 6

♥ A K 10 9 4 3

♦ Q 9

♣ J 10 6 5

W	N
S	E

♠ 8 5 3	♦ A K J 10 6
♥ Q J 2	♣ 3 2

♠ K 9 4 2

♥ 8

♦ 8 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 9 7

West

North

East

South  
Pass

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by North

NORTH's 3

♥

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH barely had enough strength to respond in the first place, but revaluing the hand,

(and particularly the singleton

♥

), makes it worth a

raise to game.

**Deal 10**

West Deals

None Vul

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

9  
12 13  
6

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

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

EAST has no reason to consider Fourth Suit Forcing with this hand.

WEST does not have four ♠s or he would have already supported.

So EAST should bid the Notrump game.

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 3

♥ A 8 3 2

♦ K 8 6 4

♣ 7 2

♠ K 10 5 2

♥ 5 4

♦ A J 9 5

♣ Q J 3



♠ Q 9 6 4

♥ K J

♦ 10 3 2

♣ K 8 5 4

8  
11 9  
12♠ A 7  
♥ Q 10 9 7 6  
♦ Q 7  
♣ A 10 9 6

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

Pass      2 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

SOUTH should pass 2

♥

. She is not strong enough to try for game.

**Deal 12**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 5 2	♦ K J 2
♥ 9 6 5	♦ K J 2
♦ K J 2	♣ J 9 3

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

9	♠ J 7
13 13	♦ 4 3 2
5	♦ A 8 7
	♣ 10 7 6 5 4

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

N	
W	E
S	

♠ K Q 10 6 3	♦ 9 5
♥ K Q J 8	♣ Q 8

EAST knows there should be game, but doesn't know whether it will be 4♠,

4

♥

or 3 NT. To find out which she uses NMF and

bids 2♣ at her second turn.

WEST does not have a 4-card

♥

suit, nor does he have

three ♠s, but he does have ♣s stopped so he bids 2 NT, which East raises to 3 NT.

**Deal 13**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 4  
 ♥ A 7  
 ♦ J 3 2  
 ♣ A 8 7 6

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 9 6 2  
 ♥ 6 2  
 ♦ K Q 10 7  
 ♣ 10 9 3

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

NORTH cannot see a game unless SOUTH has help in ♣s so she makes a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH has 8 points and the doubleton ♣ K Q so he bids the game.

**Deal 14**East Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
 13 14  
 7



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

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

♠ 7 6 2  
 ♥ K 8  
 ♦ A 6 5 2  
 ♣ 10 8 3 2

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

WEST has a perfect hand on which to use Fourth Suit Forcing. If East can stop

♦s, then 3 NT would be a great contract.

There is one problem - if WEST bids 1♠ at her second turn it is NOT considered

FSF, so she must jump to 2♠.

EAST, win a fine ♠ stopper, bids 3 NT.

**Deal 15**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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



12  
 7 8  
 13

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

♠ A 10 6  
 ♥ A 9 5 4  
 ♦ 10 9 4 2  
 ♣ 9 2

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

NORTH's 2

♦

bid is a perfect example of NMF.

It provides SOUTH with the opportunity to show either a 4-card

♥

suit,

OR 3-card ♠ support.

In this hand SOUTH actually has both. When that happens, showing the

♥

s is

first priority.

**Deal 16**East Deals  
None Vul

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

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

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	S	

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

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

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

WEST's 1♣ bid is definitely forcing, but it is not FSF. In this one instance, all

bids at the one level, the ♠ bid shows a real suit.

So EAST shows the 4-card support and WEST bids game.

**Deal 17**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 2

♦ 7

♣ K 8 6 5

♠ J 5 2

♥ 10 8

♦ A Q J 5 2

♣ Q 10 3



♠ K Q 10 8 3

♥ J 4

♦ K 9 6 4

♣ 9 4

♠ 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 3

♦ 10 8 3

♣ AJ 7 2

West      North      East      South

1 ♥      Pass      2 ♥

Pass      3 ♣

Pass      Pass

4 ♥ by North

NORTH could make a Help Suit Game  
Try in either ♠s or ♣s.

But she doesn't need the ♠ help as much  
as she does in ♣s, so she chooses ♣s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand but  
has excellent help in ♣s

so he bids the game.

**Deal 18**West Deals  
None Vul**♠ K J 10 5****♥ 10 9 6****♦ K 7****♣ A Q J 3****6  
14 13  
7****♠ 8 7 2****♥ A 7****♦ Q 3 2****♣ 10 9 6 4 2****♠ A 9 4 3  
♥ Q 4 3 2  
♦ J 10 6  
♣ 7 5****♠ Q 6  
♥ K J 8 5  
♦ A 9 8 5 4  
♣ K 8**

*West      North      East      South*

<b>1 ♣</b>	Pass	<b>1 ♦</b>	Pass
<b>1 ♠</b>	Pass	<b>3 NT</b>	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 NT by East			

Could EAST bid 2



, (FSF), even though she actually has the suit?

Perhaps, but there is no reason to do so.  
WEST does not have four

or he would have mentioned them before bidding ♠s.

EAST should ignore the



suit and bid 3 NT.

**Deal 19**  
North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 7 2  
♥ J 4 3  
♦ 7 2  
♣ K Q 9 6 3  
  
13  
6 9  
12  
♣ 5

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

Pass  
4♠ by South

♠ Q 5 4  
♥ 7 6  
♦ A K 9 8  
♣ A 8 7 4  
  
N  
W E  
S

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

SOUTH cannot bid 2

♥

at his second turn; that would be

Fourth Suit Forcing and wouldn't show the

♥

suit at all.

With a game-forcing two-suiter he jumps to 3

♥

instead.

NORTH recognizes that SOUTH must

hold five ♠s and bids the ♠ game.

**Deal 20**

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

$\begin{matrix} 9 \\ 12 \\ 11 \\ 8 \end{matrix}$		$\begin{matrix} ♠ & K 7 6 \\ ♥ & K J 8 7 3 \\ ♦ & A 9 4 \\ ♣ & 9 2 \end{matrix}$
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♦ by West			

EAST bids 2♣ as New Minor Forcing,  
hoping WEST has three

♥

s.

WEST does not have three

♥

s and he has no other bid to make that

will describe his hand any better. He  
cannot bid Notrump again without a ♣  
stopper.

So WEST rebids the 5-card

♦

suit.

EAST has nowhere to go, so passes.

**Deal 21**

North Deals  
None Vul

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



12	♠ A Q J 6 3
6 9	♦ Q J 5
13	♦ K 4
	♣ 10 9 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

SOUTH should not use Fourth Suit Forcing to see if NORTH holds three ♠s because

that information is irrelevant.

SOUTH already knows there is an 8-card

♥

fit and enough

points to be in game so he bids it.

**Deal 22**East Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
 7 16  
 9

*West*  
 2 ♠  
 3 ♠  
 3 ♠ by East

♠ 7 2  
 ♥ A 10 9 8  
 ♦ A 7 4  
 ♣ 10 9 8 7



♠ A K J 8 6  
 ♥ J 5 3  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ A K 6 3

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

*North*      *East*      *South*  
 Pass      1 ♠      Pass  
 Pass      3 ♥      Pass  
 Pass      Pass      Pass

EAST thinks there might be game if WEST can help with the three



losers. So he bids 3



as a Help Suit Game Try.

WEST cannot provide any help at all, so quickly signs off in 3♠ which EAST passes.

**Deal 23**

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

<sup>13</sup> 8    9 <sup>10</sup>		<sup>13</sup> <sup>10</sup>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♠ by South			

SOUTH bids 2♣ as New Minor Forcing, hoping NORTH will show three ♠s.

NORTH does show three ♠s, but also shows a minimum hand so South passes.

**Deal 24**

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

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

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

N  
W E  
S

EAST wants to be in game but doesn't know which one.

If WEST holds three

♥

s she would prefer 4

♥

,

otherwise she would try 3 NT. EAST bids 2♠, Fourth Suit Forcing.

WEST denies three

♥

s but confirms a ♠ honor by

bidding 2 NT, so EAST bids the game in Notrump.