

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 8 6 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ 10 8
♣ 9 7 2

15
5 2
18

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by South

♠ K Q 10 5 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A 5 3
♣ A Q 3



♠ J 4
♥ A K Q 8 6
♦ K Q 4
♣ K 10 4

North

1 ♠

3 ♣

6 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

2 NT

3 NT

Pass

You have 16 points and you respond 1 ♠. Partner rebids 2 NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 18-19 points, balanced, with 5 ♥s. You are going to bid a slam, either 6 NT or 6 ♠, depending on whether partner has 3 ♠s. Time for New Minor Forcing.

You bid 3 ♣ rather than 3 ♦ just because your ♣s are stronger. Partner now says 3 NT. What do you bid?

Partner does not have 3 ♠s. That was the information you needed, so you bid 6 NT.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ A 8 5 3

15
5 8
12

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ A Q 6 4 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ J 6
♣ Q J 4



♠ K 8
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A K Q 8 4
♣ 10 9 6

North

1 ♠

2 ♣

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

ALL

South

1 ♦

1 NT

2 ♦

Pass

You are the dealer.

You have 13 points and you open 1 ♦.
Partner responds 1 ♠.

With a minimum opener you now bid
1 NT. Partner says 2 ♣. What do you say
next?

This is NMF, asking you to further
describe your hand - and you are stuck
for a bid. You do not have 4 ♥s. You do
not have 3 ♠s. You do not have a stopper
in either ♥s or ♣s so you cannot bid 2 NT.
Reluctantly you rebid your 5-card ♦ suit.

Then you breathe a sigh of relief when
partner says 3 NT.