

Deal 1

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

12	♠ K 9 4
7 7	♥ A K 5 4 2
14	♦ 8 5
	♣ K J 9

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

3 NT by North



♠ A J 8 6 3 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q 10
♣ 10 5 2

With 15 points you are going to insist on game. First you respond 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You are happy with notrump, but would prefer to play in ♥s if partner has three cards in the suit. To find out if he does, use New Minor Forcing.

So you say 2 ♣ and partner replies 2 NT. It is your bid again.

Partner doesn't have 3 ♥s. That's what you wanted to know, you bid 3 NT.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 5 4

11 7
8 14



♠ A 10 7 4 3
♥ 9 5
♦ J 9 5
♣ Q 8 2

♠ 9 8
♥ A J 10 2
♦ A K Q 4
♣ 10 9 6

♠ 5
♥ 8 7 4
♦ 10 7 3 2
♣ A K J 7 3

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

You are the dealer.

You have 14 points and you open 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You cannot bid 2♥ because a Reverse shows at least 16 points. So you bid 1 NT. Partner says 2♣.

This is NMF, asking you to further describe your hand. You do not have 3♦s. You do have a 4-card ♥ suit. You have a maximum hand for your previous bidding, so you jump to 3♥. Partner raises to 4♥.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 9 8 6 4 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ J 7 6

13
7 7
13

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♠ K Q J 10 5
♥ A 3
♦ K 10 7
♣ 10 8 3

♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ J 10
♦ A 4 3 2
♣ Q 5 2

♠ 7 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ J 9 6
♣ A K 9 4

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

You have 14 points and you respond 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1 NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You will insist on reaching game, but don't know whether 3 NT or 4 ♠ is going to be the best spot. It depends on whether partner has 3 ♠s. So of course you use NMF.

You bid 2 ♦ and partner then says 2 ♥. Where do you go from here?

OK, partner has a 4-card ♥ suit - may or may not have 3 ♠s. Since you don't have 4 ♥s you bid 3 NT, leaving it up to partner to correct to 4 ♠ if he has 3 of them.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 6 2
♥ Q 7 4
♦ Q 9 3
♣ 9 3

5
9 18
8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8 5 3
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 10 7
♣ J 7 2

♠ A 10 7
♥ A J 10
♦ K J 5
♣ K Q 10 6

♠ 4
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A 8 6 4 2
♣ A 8 5 4

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

4 ♠ by West

You are the dealer.

You are too strong for 1 NT so you open 1 ♣. Partner responds 1 ♠.

You don't support ♠s with only 3 cards since partner might well have just a 4-card suit. With 18 points, balanced, all suits stopped, you jump to 2 NT.

Partner says 3 ♦. What do you bid?

This is New Minor Forcing. Partner wants to know if you have 3 ♠s. Since you do have 3 you bid 3 ♠ and partner raises to 4 ♠.