

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ J T 8 6 4
♦ Q J 4
♣ J 7 2

♠ Q J 8 6 5

♥ K 9 2

♦ A K

♣ 8 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 7
♥ 7 5
♦ 9 7 5 3 2
♣ Q T 9

♠ T 9 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ T 8 6
♣ A K 5 4

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker NMF 1

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

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 3NT 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.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 7
♥ Q T 9 5
♦ T 9 5 2
♣ J 7

♠ K Q J T 2

♥ K 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ A 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5 4 3
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q J 3
♣ K T 9 2

♠ 9 6

♥ A 8 2

♦ A K 7 4

♣ Q 8 6 3

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

3 NT by North

Baker NMF 2
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 1NT 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 2NT. Partner then bids 3NT.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J T 8

♥ 9

♦ A T 6 4

♣ J T 9 2

♠ Q 7 4

♥ K Q 6 4 2

♦ 8 7

♣ A 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 5 3

♥ J T 8 7

♦ 9 3 2

♣ Q 7 6

♠ 9 6 2

♥ A 5 3

♦ K Q J 5

♣ K 8 4

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥

All Pass

2♥ by South

Baker NMF 3

With 12 points you know game is likely, but for now you bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1NT. 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.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 4
♥ 7 5 4
♦ Q J 2
♣ A J 7

♠ A K Q 5 2

♥ A T 6 3

♦ 7 5

♣ T 4

	N		♠ 8 7
W		♥ 9 8	
	E		♦ T 9 4 3
	S		♣ K Q 6 3 2

♠ 6 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A K 8 6
♣ 9 8 5

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

4♥ by North

Baker NMF 4
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 1NT.

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♥.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 5

♥ J 8 5

♦ T 9 5 3

♣ J T 9

♠ K J 2

♥ 7 3

♦ A K 6 2

♣ Q 7 4 2

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ T 9 8 3

♥ A T 9

♦ Q J 4

♣ K 8 6

♠ Q 7 4

♥ K Q 6 4 2

♦ 8 7

♣ A 5 3

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

2 NT by North

Baker NMF 5

With 12 points you know game is likely, but for now you bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1NT. 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 2NT.

Partner tells you he has only 2 ♥s. He also tells you he only has 12-13 points. So you pass 2NT.