

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 6 2
♥ A 7 6 2
♦ Q T 3
♣ 9 8 6

♠ A J

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ A 5

♣ J 5 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 9 7 4
♥ -
♦ K J 7 2
♣ A T 7 3

♠ K 5 3

♥ T 9 5 3

♦ 9 8 6 4

♣ K Q

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

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

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

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 8 5
♥ J 7 4
♦ K Q T 3
♣ A K 5

♠ 7 6 3 2

♥ 8

♦ A J 8 5 2

♣ T 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J T
♥ A Q T 3
♦ 9 4
♣ Q J 6 4

♠ K Q 4
♥ K 9 6 5 2
♦ 7 6
♣ 9 8 2

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

3 NT by East

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

then 3NT 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 3NT.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ T 9

♥ A

♦ Q J T 9 6

♣ T 9 8 6 2

♠ K 8 4 3 2

♥ K Q 8 3

♦ 7 3

♣ A 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 6

♥ 9 5 4 2

♦ K 5 4 2

♣ 7 4

♠ Q 7 5

♥ J T 7 6

♦ A 8

♣ K Q J 3

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

4♥ by North

first priority.

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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

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K J 9 7

♥ 8 7

♦ A K J 6 2

♣ T 2

♠ A 6 5

♥ T 9 4 3

♦ 8 4

♣ K Q 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 8 3

♥ A K 6 5

♦ T

♣ A 9 8 4

♠ 4 2

♥ Q J 2

♦ Q 9 7 5 3

♣ J 6 5

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

4 ♠ by West

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WEST's 1st 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.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 5 3 2

♥ J 4

♦ K 4 2

♣ Q T 3

♠ A 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 2

♦ 7

♣ K 8 6 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J T

♥ T 8

♦ A Q J 9 6 5

♣ 9 4

♠ 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 3

♦ T 8 3

♣ A J 7 2

West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ by South

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NORTH could make a Help Suit Game Try in either

or s.

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

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

so he bids the game.

Board 6

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K J T 5

♥ T 9 6

♦ K 7

♣ A Q J 3

♠ 9 7 4 3

♥ A Q 4

♦ J T 3

♣ 5 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 6

♥ K J 8 5

♦ A 9 8 5 4

♣ K 8

♠ A 8 2

♥ 7 3 2

♦ Q 6 2

♣ T 9 7 6

West

North

East

South

1♣

Pass

1♦

Pass

1♠

Pass

3NT

All Pass

3NT by East

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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

S

or he would have mentioned them before bidding S.

EAST should ignore the

suit and bid 3NT.