

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ A 5 2
♣ K Q 9 7

♠ 5
♥ 10 6 2
♦ Q 10 8 7 3
♣ A 8 5 4

13
6 10
11
♣ 10 3

♠ A 10 8 4 3
♥ J 3
♦ K J 9
♣ J 6 2

♠ K J 9 7 6
♥ A K 8 7
♦ 6 4

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

4 ♥ by North

You have 12 points and you respond 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You have an excellent 4-card ♥ suit, but if you bid 2 ♥ right now it is not forcing on partner and he will almost surely pass. And you definitely don't have the points to jump to 3 ♥. New Minor Forcing gives you a way out.

So you say 2 ♦ and your wonderful partner bids 2 ♥. What now?

Your 12 points just got upgraded! Bid 4 ♥.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5 2
♥ A J 10 7 4
♦ J 5
♣ Q 7 4

♠ J 10 8 6 4 3
♥ 9 5
♦ Q 7
♣ A 8 2

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♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 10 9
♣ J 10 9 5

♠ 7
11 7 14
8 ♦ 8 6 4 3 2
♣ K 6 3

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

You are the dealer.

This 14 point hand is almost good enough to open 1 NT, but you bid 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♥. What do you bid next?

You could bid either 1 NT or 2 ♣. You decide on 1 NT.

Partner says 2 ♣. What do you bid?

This is NMF, asking if you have 3 ♥s. You only have 2, but you have a great notrump hand now. Since partner must have at least invitational strength you jump right to 3 NT.

Deal 3

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| South Deals | ♠ K 9 4 | | |
| None Vul | ♥ A K 5 4 2 | | |
| | ♦ 8 5 | | |
| | ♣ K J 9 | | |
| ♠ A J 8 6 3 2 | ♠ 7 | | |
| ♥ 8 6 | ♥ Q 9 7 3 | | |
| ♦ Q 10 | ♦ J 9 7 3 | | |
| ♣ 10 5 2 | ♣ A 7 4 3 | | |
| 14 7 7 12 | ♠ Q 10 5 ♥ J 10 ♦ A K 6 4 2 ♣ Q 8 6 | | |
| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
| | | | 1 ♦ |
| Pass | 1 ♥ | Pass | 1 NT |
| Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass | 2 NT |
| Pass | 3 NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 3 NT by South | | | |

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 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8
♥ A J 10 2
♦ A K Q 4
♣ 10 9 6

8
14 11
7

♠ 5
♥ 8 7 4
♦ 10 7 3 2
♣ A K J 7 3

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 5 4

♠ A 10 7 4 3
♥ 9 5
♦ J 9 5
♣ Q 8 2

| <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 |

Pass
4 ♥ by West

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 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 4 3
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ A 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 5 2

13
 7 7
13

♠ 7 2
 ♥ K Q 7 5
 ♦ J 9 6
 ♣ A K 9 4

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| W | N | E | S |
| ♠ A 6 | ♥ 9 8 6 4 2 | ♦ Q 8 5 | ♣ J 7 6 |

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

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

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 6West Deals
None Vul

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

8
 18 9
 5

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 4
 ♥ 8 6 3
 ♦ A 8 6 4 2
 ♣ A 8 5 4

♠ K Q 9 6 2
 ♥ Q 7 4
 ♦ Q 9 3
 ♣ 9 3

♠ J 8 5 3
 ♥ K 9 5 2
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ J 7 2

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

Pass
 4♣ by East

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♠.