

**Deal 1**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7  
♥ 10 9 4  
♦ J 9 7 6 2  
♣ J 8 6 5

**18**  
**2 5**  
**15**

♠ J 4  
♥ A K Q 8 6  
♦ K Q 4  
♣ K 10 4



♠ A 9 8 6 2  
♥ J 5 2  
♦ 10 8  
♣ 9 7 2

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 NT by North

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**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

♠ A Q 6 4 2  
 ♥ K Q 7  
 ♦ J 6  
 ♣ Q J 4

8  
 15 12  
 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 9 5 3  
 ♥ A 8 4  
 ♦ 10 7  
 ♣ K 7 2

♠ K 8  
 ♥ 9 6 2  
 ♦ A K Q 8 4  
 ♣ 10 9 6

♠ 7  
 ♥ J 10 5 3  
 ♦ 9 5 3 2  
 ♣ A 8 5 3

<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	ALL	Pass	
3 NT by East			

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.