

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 9 7 6
♥ A K 8 7
♦ 6 4
♣ 10 3

♠ A 10 8 4 3
♥ J 3
♦ K J 9
♣ J 6 2



♠ 5
♥ 10 6 2
♦ Q 10 8 7 3
♣ A 8 5 4

11
10 6
13

♠ Q 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ A 5 2
♣ K Q 9 7

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

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6 4 3 2
♣ K 6 3

11
8 7
14

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 5 2
♥ A J 10 7 4
♦ J 5
♣ Q 7 4



♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 10 9
♣ J 10 9 5

North

1 ♥

2 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♦

1 NT

3 NT

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

South Deals ♠ K 9 4

None Vul ♥ A K 5 4 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K J 9

♠ A J 8 6 3 2

♥ 8 6

♦ Q 10

♣ 10 5 2



♠ 7

♥ Q 9 7 3

♦ J 9 7 3

♣ A 7 4 3

14
7 7
12

♠ Q 10 5

♥ J 10

♦ A K 6 4 2

♣ Q 8 6

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

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 5
♥ 8 7 4
♦ 10 7 3 2
♣ A K J 7 3

11
8 7
14

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 5 4



♠ 9 8
♥ A J 10 2
♦ A K Q 4
♣ 10 9 6

North

1 ♠
2 ♣
4 ♥

East

Pass
Pass
ALL

South

1 ♦
1 NT
3 ♥
Pass

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 5

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 9 8 6 4 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ J 7 6

13
7 7
13

♠ K Q J 10 5
♥ A 3
♦ K 10 7
♣ 10 8 3



♠ 7 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ J 9 6
♣ A K 9 4

♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ J 10
♦ A 4 3 2
♣ Q 5 2

West	North	East	South
			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 6

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 5 3
♥ K 9 5 2
♦ 10 7
♣ J 7 2

18
5 8
9

West

Pass

Pass

ALL

4 ♠ by South

♠ A 10 7
♥ A J 10
♦ K J 5
♣ K Q 10 6



♠ K Q 9 6 2
♥ Q 7 4
♦ Q 9 3
♣ 9 3

North

1 ♣

2 NT

3 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 ♦

4 ♠

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 ♠.