

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ 8 6 5 4 2

♠ Q 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ A 5 2
♣ K Q 9 7



♠ A T 5 4
♥ T 2
♦ J T 9 7 3
♣ A J

♠ K J 9 7 6
♥ A K 8 7
♦ 6 4
♣ T 3

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

4 ♥ by South

Baker NMF 7

You have 12 points and you respond 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1NT. 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 ♥.

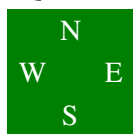
Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 3
 ♥ K Q 9 6
 ♦ 6 4 3 2
 ♣ A 8

♠ K 5 2
 ♥ A J T 7 4
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ Q 7 4



♠ J 8 6 4
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ Q 8 7
 ♣ K 6 3 2

♠ A Q 9
 ♥ 8 2
 ♦ A K T 9
 ♣ J T 9 5

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

3 NT by South

Baker NMF 8
You are the dealer.

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

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

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 3NT.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 3 2

♥ Q 7

♦ Q J T 9 3

♣ A T 7

♠ Q T 5

♥ J T

♦ A K 6 4 2

♣ Q 8 6

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♠ A J 8 6

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ 7

♣ 5 4 3 2

♠ K 9 4

♥ A K 5 4 2

♦ 8 5

♣ K J 9

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

3 NT by South

Baker NMF 9

With 15 points you are going to insist on game. First you respond 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1NT. 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 2NT. It is your bid again.

Partner doesn't have 3 ♥s. That's what you wanted to know, you bid 3NT.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 5 3

♥ 8 7 5 4

♦ 9 7 2

♣ A 8

♠ K Q J 6 2

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 5 4



♠ T 4

♥ 9

♦ J T 5 3

♣ K Q J 7 3 2

♠ 9 8

♥ A J T 2

♦ A K Q 4

♣ T 9 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

1NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

4 ♥ by North

Baker NMF 10
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 1NT. 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 ♥.

Board 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ Q 5 4
♣ Q J 6 2

♠ 7 2

♥ K Q 7 5

♦ J 9 6

♣ A K 9 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 6 4

♥ T 6 4

♦ A 8 3 2

♣ 7 5

♠ K Q J T 5

♥ A 3

♦ K T 7

♣ T 8 3

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

3NT by South

Baker NMF 11

You have 14 points and you respond 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You will insist on reaching game, but don't know whether 3NT 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 3NT, leaving it up to partner to correct to 4 ♠ if he has 3 of them.

Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

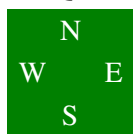
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 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ J 8 7 5 4 2

♠ A T 7

♥ A J T

♦ K J 5

♣ K Q T 6



♠ J

♥ K 9 8 5 3

♦ T 8 7 6 4 2

♣ A

♠ K Q 9 6 2

♥ Q 7 4

♦ Q 9 3

♣ 9 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker NMF 12
 You are the dealer.

You are too strong for 1NT 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 2NT.

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 ♠.