

**Deal 1**

North 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



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

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

West	North	East	South
	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 2**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 5 3

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ 10 7

♣ J 7 2

18  
5 8  
9

♠ 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

♠ 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A 8 6 4 2

♣ A 8 5 4

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

ALL

Pass

4 ♠ by South

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 ♠.

**Deal 3**

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
	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 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

15  
5 8  
12

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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



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

North

1 ♠

2 ♣

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

ALL

South

1 ♦

1 NT

2 ♦

Pass

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.