

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 6 5
♥ 9 6 4
♦ 9 3
♣ A K 9 8 6

12
7 8
13

♠ A 7 3
♥ Q J 10 8 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ Q 4



♠ K Q J 4 2
♥ K 5
♦ A 5 2
♣ 7 5 3

♠ 10 8
♥ A 7 3
♦ Q J 10 7 4
♣ J 10 2

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

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH's 2

♦

bid is New Minor Forcing.

SOUTH chose

♦

s rather than ♣s simply

because the

♦

s were stronger.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 6 2
♥ 7 5
♦ J 9 8 4
♣ A K Q 4

8
10 6
16

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ J 8 4
♥ K Q 8 4
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 7 6 3



♠ K 5
♥ A J 9 6 2
♦ A K
♣ J 8 5 2

North

2 ♥
3 ♥

East

Pass
Pass

South

1 ♥
3 ♣
Pass

SOUTH is unlikely to win 10 tricks if NORTH has three ♣ losers.

SOUTH's 3♣ bid is a Help Suit Game try.

With no help in ♣s and no ruffing values, NORTH's 8 points are

not enough to think of game, so NORTH signs off in 3

♥

.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 4
♥ A 7 6
♦ 9 3 2
♣ Q 8 6 5

13
6 7
14

West

Pass
Pass
Pass

3 NT by North

♠ A J 7 6 2
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ K Q 6
♣ 4



♠ K 8
♥ Q 8 5
♦ J 8 4
♣ A K J 7 3

North

1 ♠
2 ♥
3 NT

East

Pass
Pass
Pass

South

2 ♣
3 ♦
Pass

SOUTH's 3



bid is Fourth Suit Forcing and

does NOT show a



stopper.

The bid asks NORTH to further describe her hand.

NORTH does not have a rebiddable suit, but does have



s stopped so she bids 3 NT.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 4

♥ K 10 9

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A 6 5 3

10
10 8
12

♠ Q 9 6 5 2

♥ 7 6 3

♦ A Q

♣ Q 8 4

N
W E
S

♠ 8 7

♥ A Q 5

♦ K 10 9 4 3

♣ K 10 7

♠ A J 3

♥ J 8 4 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ J 9 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 NT

2 NT by South

NORTH cannot rebid the 5-card ♠ suit,
cannot support SOUTH's

♦

s,

and cannot bid Notrump without a

♥

stopper.

So she bids 3♣, New Minor Forcing,
asking SOUTH to describe his hand
further.

SOUTH doesn't have three ♠s, nor does
he have four

♥

s.

But he does have

♥

s stopped, so bids 2 NT. North is not strong

enough to bid game so she passes.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 7
♥ J 10
♦ Q 8 7 2
♣ A Q 4 3

14
10 9
7

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

4 ♠ by North

♠ A K 10 6 2
♥ A 4 3
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ 7



♠ Q 5 4 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A J 10 3
♣ 6 5 2

♠ 9
♥ K Q 9 8 6 2
♦ 5
♣ K J 10 9 8

NORTH's 3

♦

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH has excellent help in

♦

s

so with 8 points he bids the game.

Deal 6

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 8 3
♥ A Q J 7
♦ J 9
♣ K 10 2

♠ 9
♥ 8 6 5 3
♦ A 10 8 6 2
♣ J 9 5

W N
S E

♠ K 7 6 4 2
♥ K 9 2
♦ 5 3
♣ Q 7 4

14
5 8
13

♠ A 10 5
♥ 10 4
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ A 8 6 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

NORTH has no reason to consider New Minor Forcing with this hand.

SOUTH does not have four

♥

s or he would have already supported, and

he does not have four ♠s or he would not have bid 1 NT.

So NORTH should bid the Notrump game.

Deal 7

North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 5
♥ A J 10 6
♦ J 8 3
♣ 9 7 3

13
7 8
12

♠ K 6 4
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ 4
♣ A J 6 5



♠ A Q 9 7 2
♥ 8 5
♦ A 9 6
♣ Q 10 4

♠ 8 3
♥ 3 2
♦ K Q 10 7 5 2
♣ K 8 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH might well bid 3NT at his second turn, and this may turn out to be the

final contract anyway.

But it doesn't hurt to bid 2

♦

(Fourth Suit Forcing) just to

see if NORTH happens to have three ♠s. She does, so 4♠ becomes the better game.

Deal 8

South Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10 9
♥ A 6
♦ 10 8 7 5 3
♣ K 7 6

13
9 5
13

♠ A K 7 6 3
♥ K 10 8 4
♦ K 4
♣ 5 2



♠ 8 5
♥ Q J 9 7
♦ A Q 9
♣ A 8 4 3

♠ J 4 2
♥ 5 3 2
♦ J 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

♥

9 to the ♠9 and the contract would be 4♠.

SOUTH isn't strong enough to make a Reverse bid of 2

♥

at his second turn.

NORTH uses the 2

♦

(NMF) bid to ask SOUTH for further description.

SOUTH should first show a 4-card

♥

suit, and next show 3-card ♠ support.

Change SOUTH's

Deal 9

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 3

♥ Q J 2

♦ A K J 10 6

♣ 3 2

5
11 10
14

♠ K 9 4 2

♥ 8

♦ 8 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 9 7



♠ 6

♥ A K 10 9 4 3

♦ Q 9

♣ J 10 6 5

♠ A Q J 10 7

♥ 7 6 5

♦ 3

♣ A K 8 4

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

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH's 3

♥

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH barely had enough strength to respond in the first place, but revaluing the hand,

(and particularly the singleton

♥

), makes it worth a

raise to game.

Deal 10

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 3 2

♥ Q J

♦ A 10 3

♣ 8 5 4

13
9 6
12

♠ A J 7 5

♥ K 6

♦ 8 7 4

♣ A J 10 3

N
W E
S

♠ K 10

♥ A 9 7 5 4

♦ K Q 6 2

♣ 9 6

♠ 8 4

♥ 10 8 3 2

♦ J 9 5

♣ K Q 7 2

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

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

3 NT

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

NORTH has no reason to consider Fourth Suit Forcing with this hand.

SOUTH does not have four ♠s or he would have already supported.

So NORTH should bid the Notrump game.

Deal 11

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 4

♥ K J

♦ 10 3 2

♣ K 8 5 4

12
9 11
8

West

Pass

2 ♥ by North

♠ A 7

♥ Q 10 9 7 6

♦ Q 7

♣ A 10 9 6

N
W E
S

♠ J 8 3

♥ A 8 3 2

♦ K 8 6 4

♣ 7 2

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

♠ K 10 5 2

♥ 5 4

♦ A J 9 5

♣ Q J 3

NORTH should pass 2

♥

. She is not strong enough to

try for game.

Deal 12

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 5 2
♥ 9 6 5
♦ K J 2
♣ J 9 3

13
9 5
13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K Q 10 6 3
♥ K Q J 8
♦ 9 5
♣ Q 8



♠ 8 4
♥ A 10 7
♦ Q 10 6 4 3
♣ A K 2

North

1 ♠

2 ♣

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♦

1 NT

2 NT

Pass

NORTH knows there should be game, but doesn't know whether it will be 4♠,

4

♥

or 3 NT. To find out which she uses NMF and

bids 2♣ at her second turn.

SOUTH does not have a 4-card

♥

suit, nor does he have

three ♠s, but he does have ♣s stopped so he bids 2 NT, which North raises to 3 NT.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 4

♥ A 7

♦ J 3 2

♣ A 8 7 6

16
9 7
8

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ A J

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ A 5

♣ J 5 4 2



♠ K 5 3

♥ 10 9 5 3

♦ 9 8 6 4

♣ K Q

North

1 ♥

3 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

4 ♥

NORTH cannot see a game unless
SOUTH has help in ♣s so she makes a
Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH has 8 points and the doubleton
♣ K Q so he bids the game.

Deal 14

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 2
 ♥ K 8
 ♦ A 6 5 2
 ♣ 10 8 3 2

13
 7 6
 14

♠ 9 8 5
 ♥ J 7 4
 ♦ K Q 10 3
 ♣ A K 5



♠ A J 10
 ♥ A Q 10 3
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ Q J 6 4

♠ K Q 4 3
 ♥ 9 6 5 2
 ♦ J 8 7
 ♣ 9 7

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

NORTH has a perfect hand on which to use Fourth Suit Forcing. If South can stop

♠s, then 3 NT would be a great contract.

There is one problem - if NORTH bids 1♠ at her second turn it is NOT considered

FSF, so she must jump to 2♠.

SOUTH, win a fine ♠ stopper, bids 3 NT.

Deal 15

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 6
♥ A 9 5 4
♦ 10 9 4 2
♣ 9 2

13
8 7
12

♠ Q 7 5
♥ J 10 7 6
♦ A 8
♣ K Q J 3



♠ K 8 4 3 2
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ 7 3
♣ A 5

♠ J 9
♥ 2
♦ K Q J 6 5
♣ 10 8 7 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

SOUTH's 2

♦

bid is a perfect example of NMF.

It provides NORTH with the opportunity to show either a 4-card

♥

suit,

OR 3-card ♠ support.

In this hand NORTH actually has both. When that happens, showing the

♥

s is

first priority.

Deal 16

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 5 4
 ♥ J 10 4
 ♦ 9 4 3
 ♣ K Q 7 5 3

12
 6 9
 13

♠ K J 9 7
 ♥ 8 7
 ♦ A K J 6 2
 ♣ 10 2



♠ Q 10 8 3
 ♥ A K 6 5
 ♦ 10
 ♣ A 9 8 4

♠ A 6 2
 ♥ Q 9 3 2
 ♦ Q 8 7 5
 ♣ J 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

NORTH's 1♠ bid is definitely forcing, but it is not FSF. In this one instance, all

bids at the one level, the ♠ bid shows a real suit.

So SOUTH shows the 4-card support and NORTH bids game.

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 2
 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ A Q J 5 2
 ♣ Q 10 3

14
 10 9
 7

♠ A 6 4
 ♥ A K 9 7 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ K 8 6 5



♠ K Q 10 8 3
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ K 9 6 4
 ♣ 9 4

♠ 9 7
 ♥ Q 6 5 3
 ♦ 10 8 3
 ♣ A J 7 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by North			

NORTH could make a Help Suit Game
 Try in either ♠s or ♣s.

But she doesn't need the ♠ help as much
 as she does in ♣s, so she chooses ♣s.

SOUTH doesn't have a strong hand but
 has excellent help in ♣s

so he bids the game.

Deal 18

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 2
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ Q 3 2
 ♣ 10 9 6 4 2

13
 6 7
 14

♠ Q 6
 ♥ K J 8 5
 ♦ A 9 8 5 4
 ♣ K 8



♠ K J 10 5
 ♥ 10 9 6
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ A Q J 3

♠ A 9 4 3
 ♥ Q 4 3 2
 ♦ J 10 6
 ♣ 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3 NT by North

Could NORTH bid 2



, (FSF), even though she actually has the suit?

Perhaps, but there is no reason to do so. SOUTH does not have four



s

or he would have mentioned them before bidding ♠s.

NORTH should ignore the



suit and bid 3 NT.

Deal 19

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 2

♥ J 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K Q 9 6 3

13
6 9
12

♠ Q 5 4

♥ 7 6

♦ A K 9 8

♣ A 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ A K 10 6 3

♥ K Q 9 8 5

♦ 6 3

♣ 5

♠ J 8

♥ A 10 2

♦ Q J 10 5 4

♣ J 10 2

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

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH cannot bid 2

♥

at his second turn; that would be

Fourth Suit Forcing and wouldn't show the

♥

suit at all.

With a game-forcing two-suiter he jumps to 3

♥

instead.

NORTH recognizes that SOUTH must

hold five ♠s and bids the ♠ game.

Deal 20

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 9 2
♥ Q 2
♦ 10 8 5 3
♣ K 7 5

11
9 8
12

♠ K 7 6
♥ K J 8 7 3
♦ A 9 4
♣ 9 2



♠ Q 8 5
♥ A 5
♦ K Q J 6 2
♣ 6 4 3

♠ J 4 3
♥ 10 9 6 4
♦ 7
♣ A Q J 10 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2 ♦ by South

suit.

NORTH has nowhere to go, so passes.

NORTH bids 2♣ as New Minor Forcing, hoping SOUTH has three

♥

s.

SOUTH does not have three

♥

s and he has no other bid to make that

will describe his hand any better. He cannot bid Notrump again without a ♣ stopper.

So SOUTH rebids the 5-card

♦

Deal 21

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 7
♥ 10 8
♦ 10 8 7 3 2
♣ K 4 3

12
6 9
13

♠ 8 4
♥ A K 9 4 3
♦ A J 9 6
♣ 7 5



♠ A Q J 6 3
♥ Q J 5
♦ K 4
♣ 10 9 2

♠ 10 5 2
♥ 7 6 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A Q J 8 6

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

SOUTH should not use Fourth Suit
Forcing to see if NORTH holds three ♠s
because

that information is irrelevant.

SOUTH already knows there is an 8-card

♥

fit and enough

points to be in game so he bids it.

Deal 22

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 4

♥ K Q

♦ Q J 9 6 5

♣ J 4 2

7
9 8
16

♠ Q 9 3

♥ 7 6 4 2

♦ K 10 8 2

♣ Q 5



♠ A K J 8 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 3

♣ A K 6 3

♠ 7 2

♥ A 10 9 8

♦ A 7 4

♣ 10 9 8 7

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

3 ♠ by South

Pass

SOUTH thinks there might be game if
NORTH can help with the three

♥

losers. So he bids 3

♥

as a Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH cannot provide any help at all, so
quickly signs off in 3♠ which SOUTH
passes.

Deal 23

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 4

♥ 10 8

♦ Q J 10 5 2

♣ K 3 2

13
8 9
10

♠ K 9 5

♥ K J 2

♦ A 9 6 3

♣ Q 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 3

♦ K 7 4

♣ 8 5

♠ 10 3

♥ A 7 6 5 4

♦ 8

♣ A J 10 9 7

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

1 ♦

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

SOUTH bids 2♣ as New Minor Forcing, hoping NORTH will show three ♠s.

NORTH does show three ♠s, but also shows a minimum hand so South passes.

Deal 24

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 9

♦ 10 3 2

♣ A 8 7 4

13
6 8
13

♠ K 10 7

♥ A K 6 5 2

♦ J 9 8

♣ Q 5



♠ A 9 5

♥ 10 4

♦ K Q 7 4

♣ K J 6 3

♠ Q 8 3

♥ Q 8 7 3

♦ A 6 5

♣ 10 9 2

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

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

3 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

NORTH wants to be in game but doesn't know which one.

If SOUTH holds three

♥

s she would prefer 4

♥

,

otherwise she would try 3 NT. NORTH bids 2♠, Fourth Suit Forcing.

SOUTH denies three

♥

s but confirms a ♠ honor by

bidding 2 NT, so NORTH bids the game in Notrump.