

Deal 1

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
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
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 2

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 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ 9 8 6 4 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ J 7 6

13
7 7
13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 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

North

1 ♠

2 ♦

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♣

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

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 4

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 ♠.