

Deal 1	♠ A 7 3	SOUTH's 2		
North Deals	♥ Q J 10 8 2			
None Vul	♦ K 8 6	♦		
	♣ Q 4			
♠ 9 6 5	♠ 10 8	bid is New Minor Forcing.		
♥ 9 6 4	♥ A 7 3			
♦ 9 3	♦ Q J 10 7 4	SOUTH chose		
♣ A K 9 8 6	♣ J 10 2			
12 7 8 13	♠ K Q J 4 2 ♥ K 5 ♦ A 5 2 ♣ 7 5 3	♦		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	s rather than ♣s simply
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	because the
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	
Pass	Pass	Pass		s were stronger.
4 ♠ by South				

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 2

♥ 7 5

♦ J 9 8 4

♣ A K Q 4

8
10 6
16
 ♠ J 8 4
 ♥ K Q 8 4
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♣ 7 6 3

 ♠ A Q 9 7 3
 ♥ 10 3
 ♦ 10 7 6 3
 ♣ 10 9

 ♠ K 5
 ♥ A J 9 6 2
 ♦ A K
 ♣ J 8 5 2

West North East South

 Pass 2 ♥ Pass 3 ♠
 Pass 3 ♥ Pass Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

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

♥

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Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 4
 ♥ A 7 6
 ♦ 9 3 2
 ♣ Q 8 6 5

¹³
6 7
₁₄

♠ A J 7 6 2
 ♥ K 10 9 4
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♣ 4



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

♠ K 8
 ♥ Q 8 5
 ♦ J 8 4
 ♣ A K J 7 3

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

3 NT by North

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

N
 W E
 S

♠ Q 9 6 5 2
 ♥ 7 6 3
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ Q 8 4

♠ A J 3
 ♥ J 8 4 2
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ J 9 2

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

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

♣ 7**♠ J 8 7****♥ J 10****♦ Q 8 7 2****♣ A Q 4 3****14
10 9
7****♠ 9****♥ K Q 9 8 6 2****♦ 5****♣ K J 10 9 8****♠ Q 5 4 3****♥ 7 5****♦ A J 10 3****♣ 6 5 2****West****North****East****South****1 ♠****Pass****2 ♠****Pass****3 ♦****Pass****4 ♠****Pass****4 ♠ by North**

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

N
W E
S

♠ K 7 6 4 2
♥ K 9 2
♦ 5 3
♣ Q 7 4

♠ A 10 5
♥ 10 4
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ A 8 6 3

14
5 8
13

West North East South
Pass 1 ♥ Pass 1 ♦
Pass 3 NT Pass 1 NT
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 7North 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 3
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ K Q 10 7 5 2
 ♣ K 8 2

♠ A Q 9 7 2
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ A 9 6
 ♣ Q 10 4

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

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH might well bid 3 NT 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	♠ A K 7 6 3
None Vul	♥ K 10 8 4
	♦ K 4
	♣ 5 2
♠ Q 10 9	♠ J 4 2
♥ A 6	♥ 5 3 2
♦ 10 8 7 5 3	♦ J 6 2
♣ K 7 6	♣ Q J 10 9

13	♠ 8 5
9 5	♥ Q J 9 7
13	♦ A Q 9
	♣ A 8 4 3

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

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

♥

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

Deal 9

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 4 2	♦ 8 7 5 4 2	♣ Q 9 7
♥ 8		

♠ 8 5 3	♦ A K J 10 6	♣ 3 2
♥ Q J 2		

♦ A K J 10 6		
♣ 3 2		

5		

11	10	

14		



♠ 8 5 3	♦ A K J 10 6	♣ 3 2
♥ Q J 2		

♦ A K J 10 6		
♣ 3 2		

5		

11	10	

14		

♣ 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	♠ A J 7 5
None Vul	♥ K 6
	♦ 8 7 4
	♣ A J 10 3
♠ Q 9 6 3 2	♠ 8 4
♥ Q J	♥ 10 8 3 2
♦ A 10 3	♦ J 9 5
♣ 8 5 4	♣ K Q 7 2
	♠ K 10
13 9 6 12	♥ A 9 7 5 4
	♦ K Q 6 2
	♣ 9 6



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	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

♠ A 7	♥ Q 10 9 7 6
♦ Q 7	♣ A 10 9 6
♠ Q 9 6 4	♥ K J
♦ 10 3 2	♣ K 8 5 4

12	9 11	8
♠ J 8 3	♥ A 8 3 2	♦ K 8 6 4
♣ 7 2		

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
2 ♥ by North			



NORTH should pass 2



. She is not strong enough to try for game.

Deal 12

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 6 3	♦ 9 5	♣ Q 8
♥ K Q J 8		

♠ A 9 5 2	♦ 9 5	♣ Q 8
♥ 9 6 5		

♦ K J 2		
♣ J 9 3		

♠ A 9 5 2	♦ 9 5	♣ Q 8
♥ 9 6 5		
♦ K J 2		
♣ J 9 3		

13	8 4
9 5	♥ A 10 7
13	♦ Q 10 6 4 3
	♣ A K 2

West	North	East	South
			1♦

Pass	1♠	Pass	1 NT
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Pass	2♣	Pass	2 NT
------	----	------	------

Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
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Pass

3 NT by South



♠ J 7	♦ 4 3 2	♣ 10 7 6 5 4
♥ 4 3 2	♦ A 8 7	
	♣ 10 7 6 5 4	

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 13North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 4
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ J 3 2
 ♣ A 8 7 6

♠ A J
 ♥ K Q J 8 4
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ J 5 4 2

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	S	

♠ Q 9 6 2
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ K Q 10 7
 ♣ 10 9 3

♠ K 5 3
 ♥ 10 9 5 3
 ♦ 9 8 6 4
 ♣ K Q

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by North

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 14South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 5	♦ K Q 10 3
♥ J 7 4	♦ A K 5

♣ 7 6 2	♠ K Q 4 3
♥ K 8	♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ A 6 5 2	♦ J 8 7
♣ 10 8 3 2	♣ 9 7

13	♠ A J 10
7 6	♥ A Q 10 3
14	♦ 9 4
	♣ Q J 6 4



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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

N
W E
S

♠ J 9
 ♥ 2
 ♦ K Q J 6 5
 ♣ 10 8 7 6 4

♠ K 8 4 3 2
 ♥ K Q 8 3
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ A 5

<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 16South 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6 2
 ♥ Q 9 3 2
 ♦ Q 8 7 5
 ♣ J 6

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

<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

Deal 18

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 2
♥ A 7
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 10 9 6 4 2

¹³
6 7
¹⁴

West
Pass
Pass
Pass
3 NT by North

♠ Q 6
♥ K J 8 5
♦ A 9 8 5 4
♣ K 8

♠ A 9 4 3
♥ Q 4 3 2
♦ J 10 6
♣ 7 5

♠ K J 10 5
♥ 10 9 6
♦ K 7
♣ A Q J 3

North
1♦
3 NT
Pass

East
Pass
Pass
Pass

1♣
1♠
Pass

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

♣ 5

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

Pass
4♠ by South

♠ Q 5 4
♥ 7 6
♦ A K 9 8
♣ A 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ J 8
♥ A 10 2
♦ Q J 10 5 4
♣ J 10 2

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

W N E
S

♠ J 4 3
♥ 10 9 6 4
♦ 7
♣ A Q J 10 8

♠ Q 8 5
♥ A 5
♦ K Q J 6 2
♣ 6 4 3

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

2 ♦ by South

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

♦

suit.

NORTH has nowhere to go, so passes.

Deal 21

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 7	♦ A K 9 4 3	♥ 10 8	♣ 7 5
♦ 10 8 7 3 2	♦ A J 9 6	♦ 10 8	♦ K 4 3
♣ K 4 3		♦ 10 5 2	♦ A Q J 8 6



12	♠ A Q J 6 3
6 9	♦ Q J 5
13	♦ K 4
	♣ 10 9 2

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

♠ Q 9 3	♦ K 10 8 2
♥ 7 6 4 2	♦ K 10 8 2
♦ Q J 9 6 5	♣ Q 5

♠ 10 5 4	♦ A 10 9 8
♥ K Q	♦ A 7 4
♦ Q J 9 6 5	♣ 10 9 8 7
♣ J 4 2	

Deal 23

North Deals	♠ K 9 5
None Vul	♥ K J 2
	♦ A 9 6 3
	♣ Q 6 4
♠ Q 7 4	♠ 10 3
♥ 10 8	♥ A 7 6 5 4
♦ Q J 10 5 2	♦ 8
♣ K 3 2	♣ A J 10 9 7

¹³ 8 9 ¹⁰		¹³ ♠ A J 8 6 2 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ 8 5
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	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 24South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 6 4 2
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ 10 3 2
 ♣ A 8 7 4

¹³
 6 8
¹³

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 10 7
 ♥ A K 6 5 2
 ♦ J 9 8
 ♣ Q 5

♠ Q 8 3
 ♥ Q 8 7 3
 ♦ A 6 5
 ♣ 10 9 2

♠ A 9 5
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ K Q 7 4
 ♣ K J 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	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

♥

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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.