

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ J T 8 6 4
♦ Q J 4
♣ J 7 2

13
5 9
13

♠ Q J 8 6 5
♥ K 9 2
♦ A K
♣ 8 6 3

	N		♠ A K 7
W		♥ 7 5	
	E		♦ 9 7 5 3 2
	S		♣ Q T 9

♠ T 9 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ T 8 6
♣ A K 5 4

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

4♠ by North

Baker NMF 1

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1♠. Partner rebids 1NT.

Partner has a minimum hand, balanced. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has only 2♠s then 3NT should be best. But if he has 3♠s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. The way to find out is with New Minor Forcing. So you bid 2♦. Partner answers with 2♠.

Partner tells you he has 3♠s. You already know he has a minimum strength hand. You bid the ♠ game.

Deal 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul
 ♠ K Q J T 2
 ♥ K 6 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ A 5 4

7
 13 13
 7
 ♣ J 7

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

N
W E
S

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

3NT by West

Baker NMF 2
 You are the dealer.

With 13 points and 4 cards in each minor suit you should open 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You have a minimum, balanced hand. It would not be wrong to say 2♣, but 1NT is probably better. Partner says 2♣.

Do not support the ♣s if you have another decent bid. This is New Minor Forcing and partner may or may not have a ♣ suit. You do not have 3 ♠s. You do not have a 4-card ♥ suit. You do have a ♥ stopper, so bid 2NT. Partner then bids 3NT.

Deal 3

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 5 3
♥ J T 8 7
♦ 9 3 2
♣ Q 7 6

13
6 10
11

♠ 9 6 2
♥ A 5 3
♦ K Q J 5
♣ K 8 4

N
W E
S

♠ A J T 8
♥ 9
♦ A T 6 4
♣ J T 9 2

♠ Q 7 4
♥ K Q 6 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A 5 3

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

2♥ by North

Baker NMF 3

With 12 points you know game is likely, but for now you bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. If he is at the top, game could still be there, but you aren't sure where to play. If partner has only 2 ♥s then NT is probably best, but if he has 3 ♥s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. New Minor Forcing will allow partner to answer both questions for you. So you bid 2♣. Partner answers with 2♥.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♥s. But he also tells you he has minimum strength - in other words not 14 points. So you pass and accept the partscore.

Deal 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A K 8 6
♣ 9 8 5

9
13 13
5

♠ J T 9 4

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q J 2

♣ A J 7

N
W E
S

♠ A K Q 5 2
♥ A T 6 3
♦ 7 5
♣ T 4

♠ 8 7
♥ 9 8
♦ T 9 4 3
♣ K Q 6 3 2

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

4♥ by East

Baker NMF 4
You are the dealer.

With 13 points you open your 4-card minor, 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You have a great ♥ suit, but can't bid it. A 2♥ bid here would be a Reverse and you are nowhere near strong enough. So instead you say 1NT.

Partner says 2♣. What do you bid?

This is New Minor Forcing and your first priority is to show a 4-card ♥ suit. You bid 2♥ and partner raises to 4♥.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 5
♥ J 8 5
♦ T 9 5 3
♣ J T 9

13
6 10
11

♠ K J 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A K 6 2
♣ Q 7 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ T 9 8 3
♥ A T 9
♦ Q J 4
♣ K 8 6

♠ Q 7 4
♥ K Q 6 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A 5 3

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

2NT by North

Baker NMF 5

With 12 points you know game is likely, but for now you bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. If he is at the top, game could still be there, but you aren't sure where to play. If partner has only 2 ♥s then NT is probably best, but if he has 3 ♥s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. New Minor Forcing will allow partner to answer both questions for you. So you bid 2♣. Partner answers with 2NT.

Partner tells you he has only 2 ♥s. He also tells you he only has 12-13 points. So you pass 2NT.

Deal 6

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 4 3
♥ K 9 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K 8 6

7
14 12
7

♠ Q T 9 8
♥ J 8 7 5
♦ A 9 7
♣ T 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 7
♥ A Q T 6 3
♦ Q T 4
♣ 7 5 3

♠ J 6 5 2
♥ 4
♦ K 6 3 2
♣ Q J 9 2

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

4♥ by East

Baker NMF 6
You are the dealer.

With 14 points you open your 4-card minor, 1♣. Partner responds 1♥.

This is easy. You cannot support ♥s at this point with only 3 cards. So you rebid 1NT.

Partner says 2♦. What do you bid?

This is New Minor Forcing. Partner wants to know if you have 3 ♥s. Not only do you have 3 good ♥s, but you also have a maximum hand. So you jump to 3♥ and partner bids the game.

Deal 7

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ A T 5 4

♥ T 2

♦ J T 9 7 3

♣ A J

11

10 6

13

♠ K J 9 7 6

♥ A K 8 7

♦ 6 4

♣ T 3

N		
W	E	
S		

♠ 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

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

4♥ by North

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♥.

Deal 8

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K T 9
♣ J T 9 5

9
14 11
6

♠ T 7 3
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ 6 4 3 2
♣ A 8

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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

3NT by West

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.

Deal 9

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 3 2
♥ Q 7
♦ Q J T 9 3
♣ A T 7

12
9 5
14

♠ Q T 5
♥ J T
♦ A K 6 4 2
♣ Q 8 6

N
W E
S

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

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.

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 5 4

7
11 14
8

♠ 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

♠ A 7 5 3
♥ 8 7 5 4
♦ 9 7 2
♣ A 8

N
W E
S

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

4♥ by West

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♥.

Deal 11South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 6 4
♥ T 6 4
♦ A 8 3 2
♣ 7 5

13
8 6
13

♠ K Q J T 5
♥ A 3
♦ K T 7
♣ T 8 3

N
W E
S
♠ 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

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

3 NT by North

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.

Deal 12

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q 9 6 2
 ♥ Q 7 4
 ♦ Q 9 3
 ♣ 9 3

9 5
 18
 8

♠ 8 5 4 3

♥ 6 2

♦ A

♣ J 8 7 5 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

4 ♠ by West

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♠.

Deal 13

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 2

♥ J 9

♦ J T 9 6

♣ J 8 6 5

♠ J 4

♥ A K Q 8 6

♦ K Q 4

♣ K T 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 7 6

♥ T 5 4 2

♦ 8 7 2

♣ 9 7 2

18

3 4

15

♠ K Q T 5 3

♥ 7 3

♦ A 5 3

♣ A Q 3

West

North

East

South

1♥

Pass

1♠

Pass

2NT

Pass

3♣

Pass

3NT

Pass

6NT

All Pass

6NT by South

Baker NMF 13
You have 16 points and you respond 1♠.
Partner rebids 2NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 18-19 points, balanced, with 5 ♥s.
You are going to bid a slam, either 6NT 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 3NT. What
do you bid?

Partner does not have 3 ♠s. That was the
information you needed, so you bid 6NT.

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 6 4 2
 ♥ K Q 7
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ Q J 4

5
 15 12
 8

♠ 7 5
 ♥ J T 5 4 3
 ♦ 5 3 2
 ♣ A 8 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ K 8
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ A K Q 8 4
 ♣ T 9 6

♠ J T 9 3
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ T 9 7
 ♣ K 7 5 2

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

3NT by West

Baker NMF 14
 You are the dealer.

You have 13 points and you open 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

With a minimum opener you now bid 1NT. 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 2NT. Reluctantly you rebid your 5-card ♦ suit.

Then you breathe a sigh of relief when partner says 3NT.