

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ A 6 5
♥ J 8 5
♦ T 9 5 3
♣ J T 9

♠ K J 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A K 6 2
♣ Q 7 4 2

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

2NT by South

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.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 6 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6 3 2

♣ Q J 9 2

♠ K 4 3

♥ K 9 2

♦ J 8 5

♣ A K 8 6



♠ Q T 9 8

♥ J 8 7 5

♦ A 9 7

♣ T 4

♠ A 7

♥ A Q T 6 3

♦ Q T 4

♣ 7 5 3

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

4 ♥ by South

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.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A T 5 4
 ♥ T 2
 ♦ J T 9 7 3
 ♣ A J

♠ K J 9 7 6

♥ A K 8 7

♦ 6 4

♣ T 3



♠ 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 ♥.

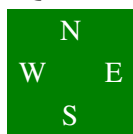
Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ 6 4 3 2
♣ A 8

♠ 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

♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K T 9
♣ J T 9 5

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

3 NT by South

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.