

Deal 1

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

12	♠ K 9 4
7 7	♥ A K 5 4 2
14	♦ 8 5
	♣ K J 9

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

3 NT by North



♠ A J 8 6 3 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q 10
♣ 10 5 2

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
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8	11	7	14
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West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	ALL	Pass

4 ♥ by South

N		E	
W		S	
♠ A 10 7 4 3	♦ 9 5	♥ J 9 5	♣ Q 8 2

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

♠ 9 8 4 3
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ A 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 5 2

13
 7 7
13

♠ 7 2
 ♥ K Q 7 5
 ♦ J 9 6
 ♣ A K 9 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 6
 ♥ 9 8 6 4 2
 ♦ Q 8 5
 ♣ J 7 6

♠ K Q J 10 5
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ K 10 7
 ♣ 10 8 3

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

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 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 5 3
 ♥ K 9 5 2
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ J 7 2

18
 5 8
 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
ALL	Pass		
4♣ by South			

♠ A 10 7
 ♥ AJ 10
 ♦ KJ 5
 ♣ KQ 10 6

W	N	E	S
♠ K Q 9 6 2	♠ 4	♥ 8 6 3	♦ A 8 6 4 2
♥ Q 7 4		♦ Q 9 3	♣ A 8 5 4
♦ Q 9 3			♣ 9 3

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♣.