

Deal 1

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| South Deals | ♠ K Q 10 5 3 |
| None Vul | ♥ 7 3 |
| | ♦ A 5 3 |
| | ♣ A Q 3 |

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

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| 15 5 2 18 | ♠ J 4 ♥ A K Q 8 6 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ K 10 4 |
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| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
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| Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 NT |
| Pass | 3 ♣ | Pass | 3 NT |
| Pass | 6 NT | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |
| 6 NT by South | | | |

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

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

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

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ A 8 5 3

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5 8
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♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ J 6

♣ Q J 4

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♠ J 10 9 5 3

♥ A 8 4

♦ 10 7

♣ K 7 2

♠ K 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A K Q 8 4

♣ 10 9 6

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

You are the dealer.

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

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

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