

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
7 7  
13



♠ 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

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

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 2**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 10 7  
 ♥ A J 10  
 ♦ K J 5  
 ♣ K Q 10 6

8  
 18 9  
 5

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♠ 4  
 ♥ 8 6 3  
 ♦ A 8 6 4 2  
 ♣ A 8 5 4

♠ K Q 9 6 2  
 ♥ Q 7 4  
 ♦ Q 9 3  
 ♣ 9 3

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

<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 East

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♠.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

**15**  
**5 2**  
**18**

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

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

♠ J 4  
 ♥ A K Q 8 6  
 ♦ K Q 4  
 ♣ K 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
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 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

5	12 15	8	
♦ J 10 9 5 3	♦ A 8 4	♦ 10 7	♣ K 7 2

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



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.