

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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

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| N |
| W |
| E |
| S |

♠ 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

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

4♥ by North

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 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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



♠ A T 5 4

♥ T 2

♦ J T 9 7 3

♣ A J

West

North

East

South

1♠

1♣

2♦

1NT

4♥

2♥

All Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

4♥ by West

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 3

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

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 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.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q T 5

♥ J T

♦ A K 6 4 2

♣ Q 8 6

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

3 NT by East

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.

Board 5

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 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

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| N |
| W |
| E |
| S |

♠ A 7 5 3

♥ 8 7 5 4

♦ 9 7 2

♣ A 8

♠ K Q J 6 2

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 5 4

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♥.

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

4♥ by South