

Board 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 6 4
♥ T 6 4
♦ A 8 3 2
♣ 7 5

♠ K Q J T 5

♥ A 3
♦ K T 7

♣ T 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 9 3
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ Q 5 4
♣ Q J 6 2

♠ 7 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ J 9 6
♣ A K 9 4

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

3 NT by North

Baker NMF 11

You have 14 points and you respond 1♠. Partner rebids 1NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You will insist on reaching game, but don't know whether 3NT 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 3NT, leaving it up to partner to correct to 4♠ if he has 3 of them.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 5 4 3

♥ 6 2

♦ A

♣ J 8 7 5 4 2

♠ A T 7

♥ A J T

♦ K J 5

♣ K Q T 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J

♥ K 9 8 5 3

♦ T 8 7 6 4 2

♣ A

♠ K Q 9 6 2

♥ Q 7 4

♦ Q 9 3

♣ 9 3

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

4 ♠ by South

Baker NMF 12
You are the dealer.

You are too strong for 1NT 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 2NT.

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♠.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 6

♥ T 5 4 2

♦ 8 7 2

♣ 9 7 2

♠ K Q T 5 3

♥ 7 3

♦ A 5 3

♣ A Q 3

	N	♠ 9 8 2
W		♥ J 9
	E	♦ J T 9 6
S		♣ J 8 6 5

♠ J 4

♥ A K Q 8 6

♦ K Q 4

♣ K T 4

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6NT by North

Baker NMF 13

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

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

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

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 3
♥ A 8
♦ T 9 7
♣ K 7 5 2

♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ J 6

♣ Q J 4

	N		♠ 7 5
W		♥ J T 5 4 3	
	S	♦ 5 3 2	
		♣ A 8 3	

♠ K 8
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A K Q 8 4
♣ T 9 6

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

3 NT by North

Baker NMF 14
You are the dealer.

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

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

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