

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 4
♦ J 9 7 6 2
♣ J 8 6 5

18
2 5
15

♠ J 4
♥ A K Q 8 6
♦ K Q 4
♣ K 10 4



♠ K Q 10 5 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A 5 3
♣ A Q 3

♠ A 9 8 6 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ 10 8
♣ 9 7 2

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

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 6 4 2
 ♥ K Q 7
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ Q J 4

8
 15 12
 5

West

1 ♠

2 ♣

3 NT

3 NT by East

♠ J 10 9 5 3

♥ A 8 4

♦ 10 7

♣ K 7 2



♠ 7

♥ J 10 5 3

♦ 9 5 3 2

♣ A 8 5 3

North

Pass

Pass

ALL

East

1 ♦

1 NT

2 ♦

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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.