

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ K 7 6 3 2
♣ J 9 4

12
5 9
14

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 7
♥ A Q 10 6 3
♦ Q 10 4
♣ 7 5 3

♠ Q J 10 8 6 5
♥ 8 5
♦ A 9
♣ Q 10 2

♠ K 4 3
♥ K 9 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	ALL	Pass

4 ♥ by North

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 1 NT.

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.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 9 7 6
 ♥ A K 8 7
 ♦ 6 4
 ♣ 10 3

6
 11 13
 10

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 2
 ♥ Q 9 5 4
 ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ K Q 9 7

♠ A 10 8 4 3
 ♥ J 3
 ♦ K J 9
 ♣ J 6 2

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

You have 12 points and you respond 1♠. Partner rebids 1 NT. 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♥.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

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

11	♠ A Q 9
8 7	♥ 8 2
14	♦ A K 10 9
	♣ J 10 9 5

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

3 NT by South



You are the dealer.

This 14 point hand is almost good enough to open 1 NT, but you bid 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♥. What do you bid next?

You could bid either 1 NT or 2 ♣. You decide on 1 NT.

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 3 NT.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

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

7
12 14
 7

N
 W E
 S

♠ A J 8 6 3 2
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ 10 5 2

♠ K 9 4
 ♥ A K 5 4 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ K J 9

♠ 7
 ♥ Q 9 7 3
 ♦ J 9 7 3
 ♣ A 7 4 3

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

With 15 points you are going to insist on game. First you respond 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 NT. 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 2 NT. It is your bid again.

Partner doesn't have 3 ♥s. That's what you wanted to know, you bid 3 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 7 4 3
♥ 9 5
♦ J 9 5
♣ Q 8 2

14
7 8
11

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
ALL	Pass		
4♥ by North			

N	E
W	S
♠ 5	♥ 8 7 4
♦ 10 7 3 2	♣ A K J 7 3

♠ K Q J 6 2

♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6

♣ 5 4

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 1 NT. 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♥.