

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ K 9 4
None Vul	♥ A K 5 4 2
	♦ 8 5
	♣ K J 9

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



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

<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 South			

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 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 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



♠ A 10 7 4 3
♥ 9 5
♦ J 9 5
♣ Q 8 2

♠ 9 8
♥ A J 10 2
♦ A K Q 4
♣ 10 9 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 South

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♥.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ A 6	♠ K Q J 10 5		
♥ 9 8 6 4 2	♥ A 3		
♦ Q 8 5	♦ K 10 7		
♣ J 7 6	♣ 10 8 3		
13 7 7 13	♠ 7 2 ♥ K Q 7 5 ♦ J 9 6 ♣ A K 9 4		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

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 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 5 3
 ♥ K 9 5 2
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ J 7 2

18
 5 8
 9

<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 South			

♠ A 10 7
 ♥ AJ 10
 ♦ KJ 5
 ♣ KQ 10 6

	♠ 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	

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♣.