

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 6 5  
♥ 9 6 4  
♦ 9 3  
♣ A K 9 8 6

12  
7 8  
13

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



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

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

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

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH's 2

♦

bid is New Minor Forcing.

SOUTH chose

♦

s rather than ♣s simply

because the

♦

s were stronger.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
10 6  
16

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



♠ K 5  
♥ A J 9 6 2  
♦ A K  
♣ J 8 5 2

♠ A Q 9 7 3  
♥ 10 3  
♦ 10 7 6 3  
♣ 10 9

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

SOUTH is unlikely to win 10 tricks if NORTH has three ♣ losers.

SOUTH's 3♣ bid is a Help Suit Game try.

With no help in ♣s and no ruffing values, NORTH's 8 points are

not enough to think of game, so NORTH signs off in 3

♥

.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

14  
 7 6  
 13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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



♠ A J 7 6 2  
 ♥ K 10 9 4  
 ♦ K Q 6  
 ♣ 4

North

2 ♣

3 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

2 ♥

3 NT

NORTH's 3

♦

bid is Fourth Suit Forcing and

does NOT show a

♦

stopper.

The bid asks SOUTH to further describe her hand.

SOUTH does not have a rebiddable suit, but does have

♦

s stopped so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 4

♥ K 10 9

♦ 8 5 2

♣ A 6 5 3

10  
10 8  
12

♠ Q 9 6 5 2

♥ 7 6 3

♦ A Q

♣ Q 8 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 8 7

♥ A Q 5

♦ K 10 9 4 3

♣ K 10 7

♠ A J 3

♥ J 8 4 2

♦ J 7 6

♣ J 9 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 NT

2 NT by South

NORTH cannot rebid the 5-card ♠ suit,  
cannot support SOUTH's

♦

s,

and cannot bid Notrump without a

♥

stopper.

So she bids 3♣, New Minor Forcing,  
asking SOUTH to describe his hand  
further.

SOUTH doesn't have three ♠s, nor does  
he have four

♥

s.

But he does have

♥

s stopped, so bids 2 NT. North is not strong

enough to bid game so she passes.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9

♥ K Q 9 8 6 2

♦ 5

♣ K J 10 9 8

7  
9 10  
14

♠ Q 5 4 3

♥ 7 5

♦ A J 10 3

♣ 6 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 10 6 2

♥ A 4 3

♦ K 9 6 4

♣ 7

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

4 ♠ by South

Pass

SOUTH's 3

♦

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH has excellent help in

♦

s

so with 8 points he bids the game.

**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q J 8 3  
♥ A Q J 7  
♦ J 9  
♣ K 10 2

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



♠ K 7 6 4 2  
♥ K 9 2  
♦ 5 3  
♣ Q 7 4

14  
5 8  
13

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

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

NORTH has no reason to consider New Minor Forcing with this hand.

SOUTH does not have four

♥

s or he would have already supported, and

he does not have four ♠s or he would not have bid 1 NT.

So NORTH should bid the Notrump game.

**Deal 7**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
7 8  
12

♠ K 6 4  
♥ K Q 9 7 4  
♦ 4  
♣ A J 6 5



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

♠ 8 3  
♥ 3 2  
♦ K Q 10 7 5 2  
♣ K 8 2

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

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH might well bid 3NT at his second turn, and this may turn out to be the

final contract anyway.

But it doesn't hurt to bid 2

♦

(Fourth Suit Forcing) just to

see if NORTH happens to have three ♠s. She does, so 4♠ becomes the better game.

**Deal 8**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 10 9  
♥ A 6  
♦ 10 8 7 5 3  
♣ K 7 6

13  
9 5  
13

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



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

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

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

♥

9 to the ♠9 and the contract would be 4♠.

SOUTH isn't strong enough to make a Reverse bid of 2

♥

at his second turn.

NORTH uses the 2

♦

(NMF) bid to ask SOUTH for further description.

SOUTH should first show a 4-card

♥

suit, and next show 3-card ♠ support.

Change SOUTH's



**Deal 9**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5 3

♥ Q J 2

♦ A K J 10 6

♣ 3 2

5  
11 10  
14

♠ K 9 4 2

♥ 8

♦ 8 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 9 7



♠ 6

♥ A K 10 9 4 3

♦ Q 9

♣ J 10 6 5

♠ A Q J 10 7

♥ 7 6 5

♦ 3

♣ A K 8 4

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH's 3

♥

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH barely had enough strength to respond in the first place, but revaluing the hand,

(and particularly the singleton

♥

), makes it worth a

raise to game.

**Deal 10**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

12  
6 9  
13

♠ K 10  
♥ A 9 7 5 4  
♦ K Q 6 2  
♣ 9 6



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

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

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

SOUTH has no reason to consider Fourth Suit Forcing with this hand.

NORTH does not have four ♠s or he would have already supported.

So SOUTH should bid the Notrump game.

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 5 2

♥ 5 4

♦ A J 9 5

♣ Q J 3

8

11 9

12

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ J 8 3

♥ A 8 3 2

♦ K 8 6 4

♣ 7 2



♠ A 7

♥ Q 10 9 7 6

♦ Q 7

♣ A 10 9 6

North

2 ♥

East

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

SOUTH should pass 2



. She is not strong enough to

try for game.

**Deal 12**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 9 5 2  
♥ 9 6 5  
♦ K J 2  
♣ J 9 3

13  
9 5  
13

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K Q 10 6 3  
♥ K Q J 8  
♦ 9 5  
♣ Q 8



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

North

1 ♠

2 ♣

3 NT

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♦

1 NT

2 NT

Pass

NORTH knows there should be game, but doesn't know whether it will be 4♠,

4

♥

or 3 NT. To find out which she uses NMF and

bids 2♣ at her second turn.

SOUTH does not have a 4-card

♥

suit, nor does he have

three ♠s, but he does have ♣s stopped so he bids 2 NT, which North raises to 3 NT.

**Deal 13**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 2

♥ 6 2

♦ K Q 10 7

♣ 10 9 3

8  
7 9  
16

*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K 5 3

♥ 10 9 5 3

♦ 9 8 6 4

♣ K Q

N  
W E  
S

♠ A J

♥ K Q J 8 4

♦ A 5

♣ J 5 4 2

*North*

2 ♥

4 ♥

*East*

Pass

Pass

♠ 10 8 7 4

♥ A 7

♦ J 3 2

♣ A 8 7 6

SOUTH cannot see a game unless  
NORTH has help in ♣s so she makes a  
Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH has 8 points and the doubleton  
♣ K Q so he bids the game.

**Deal 14**

South Deals

None Vul

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

13  
 7 6  
 14

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



♠ A J 10  
 ♥ A Q 10 3  
 ♦ 9 4  
 ♣ Q J 6 4

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

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

NORTH has a perfect hand on which to use Fourth Suit Forcing. If South can stop

♠s, then 3 NT would be a great contract.

There is one problem - if NORTH bids 1♠ at her second turn it is NOT considered

FSF, so she must jump to 2♠.

SOUTH, win a fine ♠ stopper, bids 3 NT.

**Deal 15**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9

♥ 2

♦ K Q J 6 5

♣ 10 8 7 6 4

12  
7 8  
13

♠ K 8 4 3 2

♥ K Q 8 3

♦ 7 3

♣ A 5



♠ Q 7 5

♥ J 10 7 6

♦ A 8

♣ K Q J 3

♠ A 10 6

♥ A 9 5 4

♦ 10 9 4 2

♣ 9 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

1 NT

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by South

Pass

NORTH's 2

♦

bid is a perfect example of NMF.

It provides SOUTH with the opportunity to show either a 4-card

♥

suit,

OR 3-card ♠ support.

In this hand SOUTH actually has both. When that happens, showing the

♥

s is

first priority.

**Deal 16**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
9 6  
12

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♣  
Pass 1 ♥  
Pass 2 ♠  
Pass Pass

Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

1 ♦  
1 ♠  
4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

♠ Q 10 8 3  
♥ A K 6 5  
♦ 10  
♣ A 9 8 4



♠ K J 9 7  
♥ 8 7  
♦ A K J 6 2  
♣ 10 2

♠ 5 4  
♥ J 10 4  
♦ 9 4 3  
♣ K Q 7 5 3

SOUTH's 1♠ bid is definitely forcing, but it is not FSF. In this one instance, all

bids at the one level, the ♠ bid shows a real suit.

So NORTH shows the 4-card support and SOUTH bids game.



**Deal 17**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 8 3

♥ J 4

♦ K 9 6 4

♣ 9 4

7  
9 10  
14

♠ 9 7

♥ Q 6 5 3

♦ 10 8 3

♣ A J 7 2



♠ J 5 2

♥ 10 8

♦ A Q J 5 2

♣ Q 10 3

♠ A 6 4

♥ A K 9 7 2

♦ 7

♣ K 8 6 5

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

4 ♥ by South

Pass

SOUTH could make a Help Suit Game  
Try in either ♠s or ♣s.

But she doesn't need the ♠ help as much  
as she does in ♣s, so she chooses ♣s.

NORTH doesn't have a strong hand but  
has excellent help in ♣s

so he bids the game.

**Deal 18**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

14  
7 6  
13

♠ K J 10 5  
♥ 10 9 6  
♦ K 7  
♣ A Q J 3



♠ Q 6  
♥ K J 8 5  
♦ A 9 8 5 4  
♣ K 8

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

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

Could SOUTH bid 2



, (FSF), even though she actually has the suit?

Perhaps, but there is no reason to do so. NORTH does not have four



s

or he would have mentioned them before bidding ♠s.

SOUTH should ignore the



suit and bid 3 NT.

**Deal 19**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 2

♥ J 4 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K Q 9 6 3

13  
6 9  
12

♠ Q 5 4

♥ 7 6

♦ A K 9 8

♣ A 8 7 4



♠ A K 10 6 3

♥ K Q 9 8 5

♦ 6 3

♣ 5

♠ J 8

♥ A 10 2

♦ Q J 10 5 4

♣ J 10 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass 1 ♦

Pass

1 ♠

Pass 2 ♣

Pass

3 ♥

Pass 4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH cannot bid 2

♥

at his second turn; that would be

Fourth Suit Forcing and wouldn't show the

♥

suit at all.

With a game-forcing two-suiter he jumps to 3

♥

instead.

NORTH recognizes that SOUTH must

hold five ♠s and bids the ♠ game.

**Deal 20**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 10 9 2  
♥ Q 2  
♦ 10 8 5 3  
♣ K 7 5

11  
9 8  
12

♠ K 7 6  
♥ K J 8 7 3  
♦ A 9 4  
♣ 9 2



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

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

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

2 ♦ by South

suit.

NORTH has nowhere to go, so passes.

NORTH bids 2♣ as New Minor Forcing, hoping SOUTH has three

♥

s.

SOUTH does not have three

♥

s and he has no other bid to make that

will describe his hand any better. He cannot bid Notrump again without a ♣ stopper.

So SOUTH rebids the 5-card

♦

**Deal 21**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
9 6  
12

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



♠ 8 4  
♥ A K 9 4 3  
♦ A J 9 6  
♣ 7 5

♠ K 9 7  
♥ 10 8  
♦ 10 8 7 3 2  
♣ K 4 3

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

NORTH should not use Fourth Suit  
Forcing to see if SOUTH holds three ♠s  
because

that information is irrelevant.

NORTH already knows there is an 8-card

♥

fit and enough

points to be in game so he bids it.

**Deal 22**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 4  
♥ K Q  
♦ Q J 9 6 5  
♣ J 4 2

7  
9 8  
16

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

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



♠ A K J 8 6  
♥ J 5 3  
♦ 3  
♣ A K 6 3

North

2 ♠

3 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

SOUTH thinks there might be game if  
NORTH can help with the three

♥

losers. So he bids 3

♥

as a Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH cannot provide any help at all, so  
quickly signs off in 3♠ which SOUTH  
passes.

**Deal 23**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 4

♥ 10 8

♦ Q J 10 5 2

♣ K 3 2

13  
8 9  
10

♠ K 9 5

♥ K J 2

♦ A 9 6 3

♣ Q 6 4

♠ A J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 3

♦ K 7 4

♣ 8 5



♠ 10 3

♥ A 7 6 5 4

♦ 8

♣ A J 10 9 7

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by South

1 ♦  
1 NT  
2 ♠Pass  
Pass  
Pass1 ♠  
2 ♣  
Pass

SOUTH bids 2♣ as New Minor Forcing, hoping NORTH will show three ♠s.

NORTH does show three ♠s, but also shows a minimum hand so South passes.

**Deal 24**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 4 2

♥ J 9

♦ 10 3 2

♣ A 8 7 4

13  
6 8  
13

♠ K 10 7

♥ A K 6 5 2

♦ J 9 8

♣ Q 5



♠ A 9 5

♥ 10 4

♦ K Q 7 4

♣ K J 6 3

♠ Q 8 3

♥ Q 8 7 3

♦ A 6 5

♣ 10 9 2

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

3 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

NORTH wants to be in game but doesn't know which one.

If SOUTH holds three

♥

s she would prefer 4

♥

,

otherwise she would try 3 NT. NORTH bids 2♠, Fourth Suit Forcing.

SOUTH denies three

♥

s but confirms a ♠ honor by

bidding 2 NT, so NORTH bids the game in Notrump.