

Deal 1

South Deals ♠ Q 7 4
 None Vul ♥ K Q 6 4 2
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ A 5 3

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

♠ K J 2
 ♥ 7 3
 ♦ A K 6 2
 ♣ Q 7 4 2

11
 9 7
 13

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

With 12 points you know game is likely, but for now you bid 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. If he is at the top, game could still be there, but you aren't sure where to play. If partner has only 2 ♥s then NT is probably best, but if he has 3 ♥s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. New Minor Forcing will allow partner to answer both questions for you. So you bid 2 ♣. Partner answers with 2 NT.

Partner tells you he has only 2 ♥s. He also tells you he only has 12-13 points. So you pass 2 NT.

Deal 2

North Deals ♠ K 4 3
 None Vul ♥ K 9 2
 ♠ J 8 5
 ♣ A K 8 6

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

14
 9 5
 12

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

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

4 ♥ by South

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 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 10 8 4 3
♥ J 3
♦ K J 9
♣ J 6 2

11
10 6
13

♠ K J 9 7 6
♥ A K 8 7
♦ 6 4
♣ 10 3



♠ Q 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ A 5 2
♣ K Q 9 7

♠ 5
♥ 10 6 2
♦ Q 10 8 7 3
♣ A 8 5 4

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

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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
 ♥ K Q 6 3
 ♦ 8 6 4 3 2
 ♣ K 6 3

11
 8 7
 14

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 5 2
 ♥ A J 10 7 4
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ Q 7 4



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

North

1 ♥

2 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♦

1 NT

3 NT

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.