

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ K Q J 10 5
None Vul	♥ A 3
	♦ K 10 7
	♣ 10 8 3

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



13	♠ 7 2
7 7	♥ K Q 7 5
13	♦ 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 2North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 5 3
 ♥ K 9 5 2
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ J 7 2

18
 5 8
 9

West

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

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	♦ 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

North East South

1♣ Pass 1♣
 2 NT Pass 3♦
 3♣ Pass 4♣

ALL Pass

4♣ by South

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♠.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 8 6 2
 ♥ J 5 2
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ 9 7 2

15
5 2
18

♠ K Q 10 5 3
 ♥ 7 3
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ A Q 3

♠ 7
 ♥ 10 9 4
 ♦ J 9 7 6 2
 ♣ J 8 6 5

♠ J 4
 ♥ A K Q 8 6
 ♦ K Q 4
 ♣ K 10 4

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

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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ A 8 5 3

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5 8
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♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ J 6

♣ Q J 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 10 9 5 3

♥ A 8 4

♦ 10 7

♣ K 7 2

♠ K 8
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A K Q 8 4
♣ 10 9 6

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

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.