

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ J 10
♦ A 4 3 2
♣ Q 5 2

13
7 7
13

♠ 7 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ J 9 6
♣ A K 9 4



♠ K Q J 10 5
♥ A 3
♦ K 10 7
♣ 10 8 3

♠ A 6
♥ 9 8 6 4 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ J 7 6

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

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 2

West Deals

None Vul

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

8
 18 9
 5

West

1 ♣

2 NT

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by East

♠ 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A 8 6 4 2

♣ A 8 5 4



♠ J 8 5 3

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ 10 7

♣ J 7 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

3 ♦

4 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

ALL

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 3

South 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



♠ J 4
♥ A K Q 8 6
♦ K Q 4
♣ K 10 4

♠ 7
♥ 10 9 4
♦ J 9 7 6 2
♣ J 8 6 5

| 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

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A K Q 8 4
♣ 10 9 6

5
12 15
8

West

1 ♦

1 NT

2 ♦

Pass

3 NT by West

♠ 7
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ A 8 5 3



♠ J 10 9 5 3
♥ A 8 4
♦ 10 7
♣ K 7 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 ♠

2 ♣

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

ALL

♠ A Q 6 4 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ J 6
♣ Q J 4

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.