

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ J T 8 6 4
♦ Q J 4
♣ J 7 2

♠ Q J 8 6 5

♥ K 9 2

♦ A K

♣ 8 6 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 7
♥ 7 5
♦ 9 7 5 3 2
♣ Q T 9

♠ T 9 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ T 8 6
♣ A K 5 4

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker NMF 1

With 14 points you will insist on game, but you aren't strong enough to jump shift. So you bid 1♠. Partner rebids 1NT.

Partner has a minimum hand, balanced. You know you want to be in game, but you aren't sure which game. If partner has only 2 ♠s then 3NT should be best. But if he has 3 ♠s then you would prefer to play the 8-card Major fit. The way to find out is with New Minor Forcing. So you bid 2♦. Partner answers with 2♠.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♠s. You already know he has a minimum strength hand. You bid the ♠ game.

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K Q J T 2
 ♥ K 6 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ A 5 4

♠ 5 4 3

♥ J 7 4

♦ Q J 3

♣ K T 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 8 7
 ♥ Q T 9 5
 ♦ T 9 5 2
 ♣ J 7

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

3 NT by West

Baker NMF 2

You are the dealer.

With 13 points and 4 cards in each minor suit you should open 1♦. Partner responds 1♠.

You have a minimum, balanced hand. It would not be wrong to say 2♣, but 1NT is probably better. Partner says 2♣.

Do not support the ♣s if you have another decent bid. This is New Minor Forcing and partner may or may not have a ♣ suit. You do not have 3 ♠s. You do not have a 4-card ♥ suit. You do have a ♥ stopper, so bid 2NT. Partner then bids 3NT.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5 3

♥ J T 8 7

♦ 9 3 2

♣ Q 7 6

♠ 9 6 2

♥ A 5 3

♦ K Q J 5

♣ K 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J T 8

♥ 9

♦ A T 6 4

♣ J T 9 2

♠ Q 7 4

♥ K Q 6 4 2

♦ 8 7

♣ A 5 3

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

2♥ by North

Baker NMF 3

With 12 points you know game is likely, but for now you bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1NT. 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♥.

Partner tells you he has 3 ♥s. But he also tells you he has minimum strength - in other words not 14 points. So you pass and accept the partscore.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ 6 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A K 8 6
♣ 9 8 5

♠ J T 9 4

♥ 7 5 4

♦ Q J 2

♣ A J 7

N
W
E
S

♠ A K Q 5 2
♥ A T 6 3
♦ 7 5
♣ T 4

♠ 8 7
♥ 9 8
♦ T 9 4 3
♣ K Q 6 3 2

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

4♥ by East

Baker NMF 4
You are the dealer.

With 13 points you open your 4-card minor, 1♦.
Partner responds 1♠.

You have a great ♥ suit, but can't bid it. A 2♥ bid here would be a Reverse and you are nowhere near strong enough. So instead you say 1NT.

Partner says 2♣. What do you bid?

This is New Minor Forcing and your first priority is to show a 4-card ♥ suit. You bid 2♥ and partner raises to 4♥.