

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

12  
 7 7  
 14

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



♠ K 9 4  
 ♥ A K 5 4 2  
 ♦ 8 5  
 ♣ K J 9

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

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

With 15 points you are going to insist on game. First you respond 1♥. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You are happy with notrump, but would prefer to play in ♥s if partner has three cards in the suit. To find out if he does, use New Minor Forcing.

So you say 2♣ and partner replies 2 NT. It is your bid again.

Partner doesn't have 3♥s. That's what you wanted to know, you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q J 6 2

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 5 4

7  
11 14  
8

*West*

1 ♠

2 ♣

4 ♥

4 ♥ by East

♠ A 10 7 4 3

♥ 9 5

♦ J 9 5

♣ Q 8 2



♠ 5

♥ 8 7 4

♦ 10 7 3 2

♣ A K J 7 3

*North*

Pass

Pass

ALL

*East*

1 ♦

1 NT

3 ♥

Pass

*South*

Pass

Pass

Pass

You are the dealer.

You have 14 points and you open 1 ♦.

Partner responds 1 ♠.

You cannot bid 2 ♥ because a Reverse shows at least 16 points. So you bid 1 NT.

Partner says 2 ♣.

This is NMF, asking you to further describe your hand. You do not have 3 ♠s. You do have a 4-card ♥ suit. You have a maximum hand for your previous bidding, so you jump to 3 ♥. Partner raises to 4 ♥.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
7 7  
13

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



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

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

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 4**

East Deals

None Vul

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

5  
 9 18  
 8

West

1 ♠

3 ♦

4 ♠

4 ♠ by West

♠ J 8 5 3

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ 10 7

♣ J 7 2

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ 4

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A 8 6 4 2

♣ A 8 5 4

North

Pass

Pass

ALL

East

1 ♣

2 NT

3 ♠

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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 ♠.