

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 5

♥ J 8 5

♦ T 9 5 3

♣ J T 9

♠ K J 2

♥ 7 3

♦ A K 6 2

♣ Q 7 4 2



♠ T 9 8 3

♥ A T 9

♦ Q J 4

♣ K 8 6

♠ 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	2NT	All Pass	

2 NT by North

Baker NMF 5

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 2NT.

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

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 4 3

♥ K 9 2

♦ J 8 5

♣ A K 8 6

♠ Q T 9 8

♥ J 8 7 5

♦ A 9 7

♣ T 4



♠ A 7

♥ A Q T 6 3

♦ Q T 4

♣ 7 5 3

♠ J 6 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6 3 2

♣ Q J 9 2

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

4♥ by East

Baker NMF 6
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 1NT.

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.

Board 3

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A T 5 4

♥ T 2

♦ J T 9 7 3

♣ A J

♠ K J 9 7 6

♥ A K 8 7

♦ 6 4

♣ T 3

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♠ 8 3

♥ J 6 3

♦ K Q 8

♣ 8 6 5 4 2

♠ Q 2

♥ Q 9 5 4

♦ A 5 2

♣ K Q 9 7

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

4♥ by North

Baker NMF 7

You have 12 points and you respond 1♠. Partner rebids 1NT. 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♥.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A Q 9

♥ 8 2

♦ A K T 9

♣ J T 9 5

♠ T 7 3

♥ K Q 9 6

♦ 6 4 3 2

♣ A 8



♠ K 5 2

♥ A J T 7 4

♦ J 5

♣ Q 7 4

♠ J 8 6 4

♥ 5 3

♦ Q 8 7

♣ K 6 3 2

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

3 NT by West

Baker NMF 8
You are the dealer.

This 14 point hand is almost good enough to open 1NT, but you bid 1♦. Partner responds 1♥. What do you bid next?

You could bid either 1NT or 2♣. You decide on 1NT.

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 3NT.