

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

18  
2 5  
15

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



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

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

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

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 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 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

15  
5 8  
12

♠ 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.