

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 4 3
♥ J T 8 6 4
♦ Q J 4
♣ J 7 2

13
5 9
13

♠ Q J 8 6 5
♥ K 9 2
♦ A K
♣ 8 6 3



♠ T 9 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ T 8 6
♣ A K 5 4

♠ A K 7
♥ 7 5
♦ 9 7 5 3 2
♣ Q T 9

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.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 7
♥ Q T 9 5
♦ T 9 5 2
♣ J 7

13
7 7
13

♠ K Q J T 2
♥ K 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ A 5 4



♠ 9 6
♥ A 8 2
♦ A K 7 4
♣ Q 8 6 3

♠ 5 4 3
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q J 3
♣ K T 9 2

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

3NT by North

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.

Deal 3

South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A J T 8
♥ 9
♦ A T 6 4
♣ J T 9 2

11
10 6
13

♠ Q 7 4
♥ K Q 6 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A 5 3



♠ 9 6 2
♥ A 5 3
♦ K Q J 5
♣ K 8 4

♠ K 5 3
♥ J T 8 7
♦ 9 3 2
♣ Q 7 6

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

2♥ by South

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.

Deal 4

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J T 9 4
♥ 7 5 4
♦ Q J 2
♣ A J 7

13
9 5
13

♠ A K Q 5 2
♥ A T 6 3
♦ 7 5
♣ T 4



♠ 6 3
♥ K Q J 2
♦ A K 8 6
♣ 9 8 5

♠ 8 7
♥ 9 8
♦ T 9 4 3
♣ K Q 6 3 2

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

4 ♥ by North

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 ♥.

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 5
♥ J 8 5
♦ T 9 5 3
♣ J T 9

13
6 10
11

♠ K J 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A K 6 2
♣ Q 7 4 2



♠ Q 7 4
♥ K Q 6 4 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A 5 3

♠ T 9 8 3
♥ A T 9
♦ Q J 4
♣ K 8 6

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

2NT 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.

Deal 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 6 5 2
♥ 4
♦ K 6 3 2
♣ Q J 9 2

14
7 7
12

♠ K 4 3

♥ K 9 2

♦ J 8 5

♣ A K 8 6



♠ A 7

♥ A Q T 6 3

♦ Q T 4

♣ 7 5 3

♠ Q T 9 8

♥ J 8 7 5

♦ A 9 7

♣ T 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

1♣

Pass

1♥

Pass

1NT

Pass

2♦

Pass

3♥

Pass

4♥

4♥ by South

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.

Deal 7

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ 8 6 5 4 2

13
6 10
11

♠ Q 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ A 5 2
♣ K Q 9 7



♠ K J 9 7 6
♥ A K 8 7
♦ 6 4
♣ T 3

♠ A T 5 4
♥ T 2
♦ J T 9 7 3
♣ A J

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

4 ♥ by South

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 ♥.

Deal 8

South Deals
None Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ 6 4 3 2
♣ A 8

11
9 6
14

♠ K 5 2
♥ A J T 7 4
♦ J 5
♣ Q 7 4



♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K T 9
♣ J T 9 5

♠ J 8 6 4
♥ 5 3
♦ Q 8 7
♣ K 6 3 2

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

3NT by South

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.

Deal 9

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 3 2
♥ Q 7
♦ Q J T 9 3
♣ A T 7

12
9 5
14

♠ Q T 5
♥ J T
♦ 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
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ 7
♣ 5 4 3 2

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

3NT by South

Baker NMF 9

With 15 points you are going to insist on game.
First you respond 1♥. Partner rebids 1NT.
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 2NT. It is your bid again.

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

Deal 10

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 5 3
♥ 8 7 5 4
♦ 9 7 2
♣ A 8

11
8 7
14

♠ K Q J 6 2
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 5 4



♠ 9 8
♥ A J T 2
♦ A K Q 4
♣ T 9 6

♠ T 4
♥ 9
♦ J T 5 3
♣ K Q J 7 3 2

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

4 ♥ by North

Baker NMF 10
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 1NT. 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 11

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ Q 5 4
♣ Q J 6 2

13
6 8
13

♠ 7 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ J 9 6
♣ A K 9 4



♠ K Q J T 5
♥ A 3
♦ K T 7
♣ T 8 3

♠ A 8 6 4
♥ T 6 4
♦ A 8 3 2
♣ 7 5

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

3NT by South

Baker NMF 11

You have 14 points and you respond 1 ♠.
Partner rebids 1NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You will insist on reaching game, but don't know whether 3NT 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 3NT, leaving it up to partner to correct to 4 ♠ if he has 3 of them.

Deal 12

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 5 4 3
♥ 6 2
♦ A
♣ J 8 7 5 4 2

18
5 8
9

♠ A T 7
♥ A J T
♦ K J 5
♣ K Q T 6



♠ K Q 9 6 2
♥ Q 7 4
♦ Q 9 3
♣ 9 3

♠ J
♥ K 9 8 5 3
♦ T 8 7 6 4 2
♣ A

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

Baker NMF 12
You are the dealer.

You are too strong for 1NT 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 2NT.

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 13

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 8 2
♥ J 9
♦ J T 9 6
♣ J 8 6 5

18
3 4
15

♠ J 4
♥ A K Q 8 6
♦ K Q 4
♣ K T 4



♠ K Q T 5 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A 5 3
♣ A Q 3

♠ A 7 6
♥ T 5 4 2
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 9 7 2

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

6NT by South

Baker NMF 13

You have 16 points and you respond 1 ♠.
Partner rebids 2NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 18-19 points, balanced, with 5 ♥s.
You are going to bid a slam, either 6NT 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 3NT. What do you bid?

Partner does not have 3 ♠s. That was the information you needed, so you bid 6NT.

Deal 14

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 3
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ T 9 7
 ♣ K 7 5 2

15
 8 5
 12

♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ J 6

♣ Q J 4



♠ K 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A K Q 8 4

♣ T 9 6

♠ 7 5

♥ J T 5 4 3

♦ 5 3 2

♣ A 8 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

1 ♦

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

1NT

Pass

3NT

Pass

2 ♦

3NT by North

Baker NMF 14
 You are the dealer.

You have 13 points and you open 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♠.

With a minimum opener you now bid 1NT. 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 2NT. Reluctantly you rebid your 5-card ♦ suit.

Then you breathe a sigh of relief when partner says 3NT.