

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ Q 5 4
♣ Q J 6 2

♠ 7 2
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ J 9 6
♣ A K 9 4

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♠ A 8 6 4
♥ T 6 4
♦ A 8 3 2
♣ 7 5

♠ K Q J T 5
♥ A 3
♦ K T 7
♣ T 8 3

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.

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

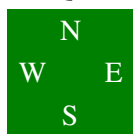
♠ 8 5 4 3
♥ 6 2
♦ A
♣ J 8 7 5 4 2

♠ 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 ♠.

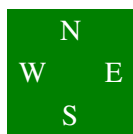
Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 2
♥ J 9
♦ J T 9 6
♣ J 8 6 5

♠ J 4
♥ A K Q 8 6
♦ K Q 4
♣ K T 4



♠ A 7 6
♥ T 5 4 2
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 9 7 2

♠ K Q T 5 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A 5 3
♣ A Q 3

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.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J T 9 3

♥ A 8

♦ T 9 7

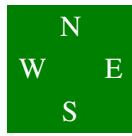
♣ K 7 5 2

♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ J 6

♣ Q J 4



♠ 7 5

♥ J T 5 4 3

♦ 5 3 2

♣ A 8 3

♠ K 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A K Q 8 4

♣ T 9 6

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

3 NT 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.