

<b>Deal 1</b>	<b>♠ A 7 3</b>	SOUTH's 2		
North Deals	<b>♥ Q J 10 8 2</b>			
None Vul	<b>♦ K 8 6</b>	♦		
	<b>♣ Q 4</b>			
<b>♠ 9 6 5</b>	<b>♠ 10 8</b>	bid is New Minor Forcing.		
<b>♥ 9 6 4</b>	<b>♥ A 7 3</b>			
<b>♦ 9 3</b>	<b>♦ Q J 10 7 4</b>	SOUTH chose		
<b>♣ A K 9 8 6</b>	<b>♣ J 10 2</b>			
<b>12 7 8 13</b>	<b>♠ K Q J 4 2</b> <b>♥ K 5</b> <b>♦ A 5 2</b> <b>♣ 7 5 3</b>	♦		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	s rather than ♣s simply
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	because the
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	
Pass	Pass	Pass		s were stronger.
4 ♠ by South				

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠ 10 6 2****♥ 7 5****♦ J 9 8 4****♣ A K Q 4****8  
10 6  
16****♠ J 8 4****♥ K Q 8 4****♦ Q 5 2****♣ 7 6 3****♠ A Q 9 7 3****♥ 10 3****♦ 10 7 6 3****♣ 10 9**

**♠ K 5**  
**♥ A J 9 6 2**  
**♦ A K**  
**♣ J 8 5 2**

West      North      East      South

**1 ♥**

Pass      2 ♥      Pass      3 ♣

Pass      3 ♥      Pass      Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

SOUTH is unlikely to win 10 tricks if NORTH has three ♣ losers.

SOUTH's 3♣ bid is a Help Suit Game try.

With no help in ♣s and no ruffing values, NORTH's 8 points are

not enough to think of game, so NORTH signs off in 3

♥

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**Deal 3**

South Deals	♠ K 8
None Vul	♥ Q 8 5
	♦ J 8 4
	♣ A K J 7 3
	♠ Q 9 3
	♥ J 3 2
	♦ A 10 7 5
	♣ 10 9 2

$\begin{matrix} 14 \\ 7 \quad 6 \\ 13 \end{matrix}$	♠ A J 7 6 2
	♥ K 10 9 4
	♦ K Q 6
	♣ 4

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



NORTH's 3



bid is Fourth Suit Forcing and

does NOT show a



stopper.

The bid asks SOUTH to further describe her hand.

SOUTH does not have a rebiddable suit, but does have



s stopped so she bids 3 NT.

**Deal 4**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ K 10 4  
 ♥ K 10 9  
 ♦ 8 5 2  
 ♣ A 6 5 3

10  
 10 8  
 12

N  
 W E  
 S

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

♠ A J 3

♥ J 8 4 2  
 ♦ J 7 6  
 ♣ J 9 2

♠ 8 7

♥ A Q 5  
 ♦ K 10 9 4 3  
 ♣ K 10 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2 NT by South

NORTH cannot rebid the 5-card ♠ suit,  
 cannot support SOUTH's

♦

s,

and cannot bid Notrump without a

♥

stopper.

So she bids 3♣, New Minor Forcing,  
 asking SOUTH to describe his hand  
 further.

SOUTH doesn't have three ♠s, nor does  
 he have four

♥

s.

But he does have

♥

s stopped, so bids 2 NT. North is not strong

enough to bid game so she passes.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 5 4 3

♥ 7 5

♦ A J 10 3

♣ 6 5 2

♠ 9

♥ K Q 9 8 6 2

♦ 5

♣ K J 10 9 8



♠ J 8 7

♥ J 10

♦ Q 8 7 2

♣ A Q 4 3

♠ A K 10 6 2

♥ A 4 3

♦ K 9 6 4

♣ 7

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♦

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH's 3

♦

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH has excellent help in

♦

S

so with 8 points he bids the game.

**Deal 6**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ 9	♠ Q J 8 3		
♥ 8 6 5 3	♥ A Q J 7		
♦ A 10 8 6 2	♦ J 9		
♣ J 9 5	♣ K 10 2		
	♠ K 7 6 4 2		
	♥ K 9 2		
	♦ 5 3		
	♣ Q 7 4		
	♠ A 10 5		
	♥ 10 4		
	♦ K Q 7 4		
	♣ A 8 6 3		
West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
3 NT by South			

NORTH has no reason to consider New Minor Forcing with this hand.

SOUTH does not have four

♥

s or he would have already supported, and

he does not have four ♠s or he would not have bid 1 NT.

So NORTH should bid the Notrump game.

**Deal 7**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 5  
 ♥ A J 10 6  
 ♦ J 8 3  
 ♣ 9 7 3

<sup>13</sup>  
 7 8  
<sub>12</sub>

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 3  
 ♥ 3 2  
 ♦ K Q 10 7 5 2  
 ♣ K 8 2

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

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

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH might well bid 3 NT at his second turn, and this may turn out to be the

final contract anyway.

But it doesn't hurt to bid 2

♦

(Fourth Suit Forcing) just to

see if NORTH happens to have three ♠s. She does, so 4 ♠ becomes the better game.

**Deal 8**

South Deals	♠ A K 7 6 3
None Vul	♥ K 10 8 4
	♦ K 4
	♣ 5 2
♠ Q 10 9	♠ J 4 2
♥ A 6	♥ 5 3 2
♦ 10 8 7 5 3	♦ J 6 2
♣ K 7 6	♣ Q J 10 9



	♠ 8 5		
13	♥ Q J 9 7		
9 5	♦ A Q 9		
13	♣ A 8 4 3		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH isn't strong enough to make a Reverse bid of 2

♥

at his second turn.

NORTH uses the 2

♦

(NMF) bid to ask SOUTH for further description.

SOUTH should first show a 4-card

♥

suit, and next show 3-card ♠ support.

Change SOUTH's

♥

9 to the ♠9 and the contract would be 4♠.

**Deal 9**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 4 2	♦ 8 7 5 4 2	♣ Q 9 7
♥ 8		

♠ 8 5 3	♦ A K J 10 6	♣ 3 2
♥ Q J 2		

♦ A K J 10 6		
♣ 3 2		

5		

11	10	

14		



♠ 8 5 3	♦ A K J 10 6	♣ 3 2
♥ Q J 2		

♦ A K J 10 6		
♣ 3 2		

5		

11	10	

14		

♦ A K J 10 6		
♣ 3 2		

5		

11	10	

14		

♦ A K J 10 6		
♣ 3 2		

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠

Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

SOUTH's 3



bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH barely had enough strength to respond in the first place, but revaluing the hand,

(and particularly the singleton



), makes it worth a

raise to game.

**Deal 10**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4  
♥ 10 8 3 2  
♦ J 9 5  
♣ K Q 7 2

**12**  
**6 9**  
**13**

♠ K 10  
♥ A 9 7 5 4  
♦ K Q 6 2  
♣ 9 6

N  
W E  
S

♠ Q 9 6 3 2  
♥ Q J  
♦ A 10 3  
♣ 8 5 4

♠ A J 7 5  
♥ K 6  
♦ 8 7 4  
♣ A J 10 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by South			

SOUTH has no reason to consider Fourth Suit Forcing with this hand.

NORTH does not have four ♠s or he would have already supported.

So SOUTH should bid the Notrump game.

**Deal 11**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 3

♥ A 8 3 2

♦ K 8 6 4

♣ 7 2

♠ K 10 5 2

♥ 5 4

♦ A J 9 5

♣ Q J 3



♠ Q 9 6 4

♥ K J

♦ 10 3 2

♣ K 8 5 4

8  
11 9  
12
 ♠ A 7  
 ♥ Q 10 9 7 6  
 ♦ Q 7  
 ♣ A 10 9 6

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

 Pass      2 ♥  
 Pass  
 2 ♥ by South

SOUTH should pass 2



. She is not strong enough to try for game.

**Deal 12**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 6 3	♦ 9 5	♣ Q 8
♥ K Q J 8		

♠ A 9 5 2	♦ 9 5	♣ Q 8
♥ 9 6 5		

♦ K J 2		
♣ J 9 3		

♠ A 9 5 2	♦ 9 5	♣ Q 8
♥ 9 6 5		
♦ K J 2		
♣ J 9 3		

13	8 4
9 5	♥ A 10 7
13	♦ Q 10 6 4 3
	♣ A K 2

West	North	East	South
			1♦

Pass	1♠	Pass	1 NT
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Pass	2♣	Pass	2 NT
------	----	------	------

Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
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Pass

3 NT by South



♠ J 7	♦ 4 3 2	♣ 10 7 6 5 4
♥ 4 3 2	♦ A 8 7	
	♣ 10 7 6 5 4	

NORTH knows there should be game, but doesn't know whether it will be 4♠,

4

♥

or 3 NT. To find out which she uses NMF and

bids 2♣ at her second turn.

SOUTH does not have a 4-card

♥

suit, nor does he have

three ♠s, but he does have ♣s stopped so he bids 2 NT, which North raises to 3 NT.

**Deal 13**

South Deals	♠ K 5 3
None Vul	♥ 10 9 5 3
	♦ 9 8 6 4
	♣ K Q
♠ Q 9 6 2	♠ 10 8 7 4
♥ 6 2	♥ A 7
♦ K Q 10 7	♦ J 3 2
♣ 10 9 3	♣ A 8 7 6



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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH cannot see a game unless NORTH has help in ♣s so she makes a Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH has 8 points and the doubleton ♣ K Q so he bids the game.

**Deal 14**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 8 5	♦ K Q 10 3
♥ J 7 4	♦ A K 5

♠ 7 6 2	♦ A 6 5 2
♥ K 8	♦ 10 8 3 2

13	♦ A J 10
7 6	♥ A Q 10 3
14	♦ 9 4



♠ K Q 4 3	♦ J 8 7
♥ 9 6 5 2	♣ 9 7

♣ Q J 6 4
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West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

NORTH has a perfect hand on which to use Fourth Suit Forcing. If South can stop

♠s, then 3 NT would be a great contract.

There is one problem - if NORTH bids 1♠ at her second turn it is NOT considered

FSF, so she must jump to 2♠.

SOUTH, win a fine ♠ stopper, bids 3 NT.

**Deal 15**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

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



12  
 7 8  
 13

♠ K 8 4 3 2  
 ♥ K Q 8 3  
 ♦ 7 3  
 ♣ A 5

♠ A 10 6  
 ♥ A 9 5 4  
 ♦ 10 9 4 2  
 ♣ 9 2

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

NORTH's 2

♦

bid is a perfect example of NMF.

It provides SOUTH with the opportunity to show either a 4-card

♥

suit,

OR 3-card ♠ support.

In this hand SOUTH actually has both. When that happens, showing the

♥

s is

first priority.

**Deal 16**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>13</sup>  
9 6  
<sub>12</sub>

♠ Q 10 8 3

♥ A K 6 5

♦ 10

♣ A 9 8 4



♠ 5 4  
 ♥ J 10 4  
 ♦ 9 4 3  
 ♣ K Q 7 5 3

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

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

4 ♠ by South

SOUTH's 1♠ bid is definitely forcing, but it is not FSF. In this one instance, all

bids at the one level, the ♠ bid shows a real suit.

So NORTH shows the 4-card support and SOUTH bids game.

<b>Deal 17</b>	♠ 9 7		
South Deals	♥ Q 6 5 3		
None Vul	♦ 10 8 3		
	♣ A J 7 2		
♠ K Q 10 8 3	♠ J 5 2		
♥ J 4	♥ 10 8		
♦ K 9 6 4	♦ A Q J 5 2		
♣ 9 4	♣ Q 10 3		
	♠ A 6 4		
9 7 10 14	♥ A K 9 7 2		
	♦ 7		
	♣ K 8 6 5		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

SOUTH could make a Help Suit Game  
Try in either ♠s or ♣s.

But she doesn't need the ♠ help as much  
as she does in ♣s, so she chooses ♣s.

NORTH doesn't have a strong hand but  
has excellent help in ♣s

so he bids the game.

**Deal 18**

North Deals	♠ K J 10 5
None Vul	♥ 10 9 6
	♦ K 7
	♣ A Q J 3

♠ A 9 4 3	♠ 8 7 2
♥ Q 4 3 2	♥ A 7
♦ J 10 6	♦ Q 3 2
♣ 7 5	♣ 10 9 6 4 2

W	N
S	E

♠ Q 6
♥ K J 8 5
♦ A 9 8 5 4
♣ K 8

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

Could SOUTH bid 2

♥

, (FSF), even though she actually has the suit?

Perhaps, but there is no reason to do so.  
NORTH does not have four

♥

or he would have mentioned them before bidding ♠s.

SOUTH should ignore the

♥

suit and bid 3 NT.

**Deal 19**  
North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 7 2  
♥ J 4 3  
♦ 7 2  
♣ K Q 9 6 3  
  
13  
6 9  
12  
  
♣ 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

Pass  
4♠ by South

♠ Q 5 4  
♥ 7 6  
♦ A K 9 8  
♣ A 8 7 4  
  
N  
W E  
S

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

SOUTH cannot bid 2

♥

at his second turn; that would be

Fourth Suit Forcing and wouldn't show the

♥

suit at all.

With a game-forcing two-suiter he jumps to 3

♥

instead.

NORTH recognizes that SOUTH must

hold five ♠s and bids the ♠ game.

**Deal 20**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9 2  
♥ Q 2  
♦ 10 8 5 3  
♣ K 7 5

<sup>11</sup>  
9 8  
<sub>12</sub>

♠ K 7 6  
♥ K J 8 7 3  
♦ A 9 4  
♣ 9 2

W N E  
S

♠ J 4 3  
♥ 10 9 6 4  
♦ 7  
♣ A Q J 10 8

♠ Q 8 5  
♥ A 5  
♦ K Q J 6 2  
♣ 6 4 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2 ♦ by South

NORTH bids 2♣ as New Minor Forcing,  
hoping SOUTH has three

♥

s.

SOUTH does not have three

♥

s and he has no other bid to make that

will describe his hand any better. He cannot bid Notrump again without a ♣ stopper.

So SOUTH rebids the 5-card

♦

suit.

NORTH has nowhere to go, so passes.

**Deal 21**South Deals  
None Vul

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

**13**  
 9 6  
**12**

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 7  
 ♥ 10 8  
 ♦ 10 8 7 3 2  
 ♣ K 4 3

♠ 8 4  
 ♥ A K 9 4 3  
 ♦ A J 9 6  
 ♣ 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass			Pass
4 ♥ by South			

NORTH should not use Fourth Suit Forcing to see if SOUTH holds three ♠s because

that information is irrelevant.

NORTH already knows there is an 8-card

♥

fit and enough

points to be in game so he bids it.

**Deal 22**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 3	♦ K 10 8 2
♥ 7 6 4 2	♦ K 10 8 2
♦ K 10 8 2	♣ Q 5

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

**Deal 23**

North Deals	♠ K 9 5
None Vul	♥ K J 2
	♦ A 9 6 3
	♣ Q 6 4
♠ Q 7 4	♠ 10 3
♥ 10 8	♥ A 7 6 5 4
♦ Q J 10 5 2	♦ 8
♣ K 3 2	♣ A J 10 9 7

<sup>13</sup> 8    9 <sup>10</sup>		<sup>13</sup> <sup>10</sup>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♠ by South			

SOUTH bids 2♣ as New Minor Forcing, hoping NORTH will show three ♠s.

NORTH does show three ♠s, but also shows a minimum hand so South passes.

**Deal 24**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 6 4 2  
 ♥ J 9  
 ♦ 10 3 2  
 ♣ A 8 7 4

<sup>13</sup>  
 6 8  
<sup>13</sup>

N  
 W E  
 S

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

♠ Q 8 3  
 ♥ Q 8 7 3  
 ♦ A 6 5  
 ♣ 10 9 2

♠ A 9 5  
 ♥ 10 4  
 ♦ K Q 7 4  
 ♣ K J 6 3

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

NORTH wants to be in game but doesn't know which one.

If SOUTH holds three

♥

s she would prefer 4

♥

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otherwise she would try 3 NT. NORTH bids 2♠, Fourth Suit Forcing.

SOUTH denies three

♥

s but confirms a ♠ honor by

bidding 2 NT, so NORTH bids the game in Notrump.