

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ K Q 10 5 3
None Vul	♥ 7 3
	♦ A 5 3
	♣ A Q 3

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



15	♠ J 4
5 2	♥ A K Q 8 6
18	♦ K Q 4
	♣ K 10 4

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

Pass
6 NT by South

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

♠ 7
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ A 8 5 3

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5 8
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♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ J 6

♣ Q J 4

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♠ J 10 9 5 3

♥ A 8 4

♦ 10 7

♣ K 7 2

♠ K 8

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A K Q 8 4

♣ 10 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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.