

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ J 6 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ 8 6 5 4 2

♠ Q 2

♥ Q 9 5 4

♦ A 5 2

♣ K Q 9 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A T 5 4
♥ T 2
♦ J T 9 7 3
♣ A J

♠ K J 9 7 6
♥ A K 8 7
♦ 6 4
♣ T 3

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♥.

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 7 3
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ 6 4 3 2
♣ A 8

♠ K 5 2
♥ A J T 7 4
♦ J 5
♣ Q 7 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8 6 4
♥ 5 3
♦ Q 8 7
♣ K 6 3 2

♠ A Q 9
♥ 8 2
♦ A K T 9
♣ J T 9 5

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

3 NT 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.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 3 2
♥ Q 7
♦ Q J T 9 3
♣ A T 7

♠ Q T 5

♥ J T

♦ A K 6 4 2

♣ Q 8 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 8 6
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ 7
♣ 5 4 3 2

♠ K 9 4
♥ A K 5 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K J 9

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

3 NT 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.

Board 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 5 3
♥ 8 7 5 4
♦ 9 7 2
♣ A 8

♠ K Q J 6 2

♥ K Q 6 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ T 4
♥ 9
♦ J T 5 3
♣ K Q J 7 3 2

♠ 9 8
♥ A J T 2
♦ A K Q 4
♣ T 9 6

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

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♥.

Board 5

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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			

3 NT 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 6

North Deals

E-W 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J

♥ K 9 8 5 3

♦ T 8 7 6 4 2

♣ A

♠ K Q 9 6 2

♥ Q 7 4

♦ Q 9 3

♣ 9 3

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♠.