

**Board 1**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ T 9 8 3  
♥ A T 9  
♦ Q J 4  
♣ K 8 6

♠ Q 7 4

♥ K Q 6 4 2

♦ 8 7

♣ A 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6 5  
♥ J 8 5  
♦ T 9 5 3  
♣ J T 9

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

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

2 NT by South

## 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.

**Board 2**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ J 6 5 2

♥ 4

♦ K 6 3 2

♣ Q J 9 2

♠ 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

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

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.

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

4♥ by North

## 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 4**

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.