

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

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

 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 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 4
 ♥ A 7 6
 ♦ 9 3 2
 ♣ Q 8 6 5

¹³
6 7
₁₄

♠ A J 7 6 2
 ♥ K 10 9 4
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♣ 4



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

♠ K 8
 ♥ Q 8 5
 ♦ J 8 4
 ♣ A K J 7 3

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

SOUTH's 3



bid is Fourth Suit Forcing and

does NOT show a



stopper.

The bid asks NORTH to further describe her hand.

NORTH 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 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 7
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ Q 8 7 2
 ♣ A Q 4 3

14
10 9
 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9
 ♥ K Q 9 8 6 2
 ♦ 5
 ♣ K J 10 9 8

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

NORTH's 3

♦

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH has excellent help in

♦

S

so with 8 points he bids the game.

Deal 6
 South Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit Q J 8 3 \heartsuit A Q J 7 \diamond J 9 \clubsuit K 10 2	\spadesuit K 7 6 4 2 \heartsuit K 9 2 \diamond 5 3 \clubsuit Q 7 4
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	N	
W		E
	S	

\spadesuit 9 \heartsuit 8 6 5 3 \diamond A 10 8 6 2 \clubsuit J 9 5	\spadesuit A 10 5 \heartsuit 10 4 \diamond K Q 7 4 \clubsuit A 8 6 3
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<i>West</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>North</i> 1 \heartsuit 3 NT 3 NT by South	<i>East</i> Pass Pass Pass	<i>South</i> 1 \diamond 1 NT Pass
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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
 South Deals
 None Vul

\spadesuit A Q 9 7 2 \heartsuit 8 5 \diamond A 9 6 \clubsuit Q 10 4	\spadesuit J 10 5 \heartsuit A J 10 6 \diamond J 8 3 \clubsuit 9 7 3
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\spadesuit 8 3 \heartsuit 3 2 \diamond K Q 10 7 5 2 \clubsuit K 8 2	\spadesuit K 6 4 \heartsuit K Q 9 7 4 \diamond 4 \clubsuit A J 6 5
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West	North	East	South
			1 \heartsuit
Pass	1 \spadesuit	Pass	2 \clubsuit
Pass	2 \diamond	Pass	2 \spadesuit
Pass	4 \spadesuit	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 \spadesuit by North			

NORTH 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 SOUTH 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J 10 7	♦ 3	♣ A K 8 4
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♠ 6

♥ A K 10 9 4 3

♦ Q 9

♣ J 10 6 5

W	N
S	E

♠ 8 5 3	♦ Q J 2	♣ 3 2
♦ A K J 10 6		

♠ K 9 4 2

♥ 8

♦ 8 7 5 4 2

♣ Q 9 7

West

North

East

South
Pass

Pass

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

4 ♠ by North

NORTH's 3

♥

bid is a Help Suit Game Try.

SOUTH 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

North Deals
None Vul

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

12	9 11	8
♠ J 8 3	♥ A 8 3 2	♦ K 8 6 4
♣ 7 2		

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥
2 ♥ by North			



NORTH should pass 2



. She is not strong enough to try for game.

Deal 12

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 6 3
 ♥ K Q J 8
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ Q 8

♠ A 9 5 2

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K J 2

♣ J 9 3

13
9 5
13



♠ J 7
 ♥ 4 3 2
 ♦ A 8 7
 ♣ 10 7 6 5 4

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

West North East South

1 ♦

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT

Pass 2 ♣ Pass 2 NT

Pass 3 NT Pass Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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 13North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 7 4
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ J 3 2
 ♣ A 8 7 6

♠ A J
 ♥ K Q J 8 4
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ J 5 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ K 5 3
 ♥ 10 9 5 3
 ♦ 9 8 6 4
 ♣ K Q

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

4 ♥ by North

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

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

Deal 14South Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 6 2
♥ K 8
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ 10 8 3 2

13
7 6
14



♠ 9 8 5
♥ J 7 4
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ A K 5

♠ K Q 4 3
♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ J 8 7
♣ 9 7

♠ A J 10
♥ A Q 10 3
♦ 9 4
♣ Q J 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			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
 North Deals
 None Vul

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

13
8 7
12

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 7 5
 ♥ J 10 7 6
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ K Q J 3

♠ J 9
 ♥ 2
 ♦ K Q J 6 5
 ♣ 10 8 7 6 4

♠ K 8 4 3 2
 ♥ K Q 8 3
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ A 5

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

4 ♥ by North

SOUTH's 2

♦

bid is a perfect example of NMF.

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

♥

suit,

OR 3-card ♠ support.

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

♥

s is

first priority.

Deal 16North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6 2
 ♥ Q 9 3 2
 ♦ Q 8 7 5
 ♣ J 6

¹³
9 6
₁₂

♠ Q 10 8 3

♥ A K 6 5

♦ 10

♣ A 9 8 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

Deal 17

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 5 2
♥ 10 8
♦ A Q J 5 2
♣ Q 10 3

♠ A 6 4
♥ A K 9 7 2
♦ 7
♣ K 8 6 5



♠ K Q 10 8 3
♥ J 4
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ 9 4

14
10 9
7
♣ AJ 7 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 North			

NORTH 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.

SOUTH 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
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

12
9 6
13

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7 2
 ♥ J 4 3
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ K Q 9 6 3

♠ Q 5 4
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ A K 9 8
 ♣ A 8 7 4

<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 North			

hold five ♠s and bids the ♠ game.

NORTH 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.

SOUTH recognizes that NORTH must

Deal 20

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9 2
♥ Q 2
♦ 10 8 5 3
♣ K 7 5

¹¹
9 8
₁₂

♠ K 7 6
♥ K J 8 7 3
♦ A 9 4
♣ 9 2



♠ 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>
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1 NT
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

North Deals
None Vul

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



12	♦ A Q J 6 3
6 9	♦ Q J 5
13	♦ K 4
	♣ 10 9 2

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

4 ♥ by North

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

that information is irrelevant.

SOUTH 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
♦ Q J 9 6 5	♣ 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	

9 7	♦ A K J 8 6
8 16	♥ J 5 3
	♦ 3

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♠ by South			



SOUTH thinks there might be game if NORTH can help with the three



losers. So he bids 3



as a Help Suit Game Try.

NORTH cannot provide any help at all, so quickly signs off in 3♠ which SOUTH passes.

Deal 23

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 3
♥ A 7 6 5 4
♦ 8
♣ A J 10 9 7

♠ A J 8 6 2

♥ Q 9 3

♦ K 7 4

♣ 8 5



♠ Q 7 4

♥ 10 8

♦ Q J 10 5 2

♣ K 3 2

♠ K 9 5
♥ KJ 2
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ Q 6 4

West North East South

1 ♦

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

2 ♠ by North

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

SOUTH does show three ♠s, but also shows a minimum hand so North passes.

Deal 24South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 6 4 2
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ 10 3 2
 ♣ A 8 7 4

¹³
 6 8
¹³

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.