

**Board 1**  
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			

3NT 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 2**

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A T 7  
 ♥ A J T  
 ♦ K J 5  
 ♣ K Q T 6

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

4 ♠ by East

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 ♠.

**Board 3**

South Deals

E-W Vul

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

♠ K Q T 5 3

♥ 7 3

♦ A 5 3

♣ A Q 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 8 2

♥ J 9

♦ J T 9 6

♣ J 8 6 5

♠ J 4

♥ A K Q 8 6

♦ K Q 4

♣ K T 4

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

6NT by North

Baker NMF 13

You have 16 points and you respond 1 ♠. Partner rebids 2NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 18-19 points, balanced, with 5 ♥s. You are going to bid a slam, either 6NT 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 3NT. What do you bid?

Partner does not have 3 ♠s. That was the information you needed, so you bid 6NT.

**Board 4**

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 8  
♥ 9 6 2  
♦ A K Q 8 4  
♣ T 9 6

♠ J T 9 3

♥ A 8

♦ T 9 7

♣ K 7 5 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ J 6

♣ Q J 4

♠ 7 5

♥ J T 5 4 3

♦ 5 3 2

♣ A 8 3

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

3 NT by East

Baker NMF 14  
You are the dealer.

You have 13 points and you open 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♠.

With a minimum opener you now bid 1NT. 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 2NT. Reluctantly you rebid your 5-card ♦ suit.

Then you breathe a sigh of relief when partner says 3NT.