

**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			

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 2**

North Deals

N-S 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



♠ 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♠.

**Board 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 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


 ♠ 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

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

6NT by South

## 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**

South Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A Q 6 4 2

♥ K Q 7

♦ J 6

♣ Q J 4

	N		♠ 7 5
W		♥ J T 5 4 3	
	S	♦ 5 3 2	
		♣ A 8 3	

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

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

3 NT by North

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.