

# 288. New Minor Forcing Revisited

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♠ K76 ♥ AQ10 ♦ KJ10632 ♣ 10		♠ 984 ♥ 9764 ♦ 95 ♣ A653
♠ 1053 ♥ J53 ♦ 874 ♣ KJ97		♠ AQJ2 ♥ K82 ♦ AQ ♣ Q842

E	S	W	N
	1 ♣	P	1 ♦
P	2NT	P	3 ♥
P	3 ♠	P	4 ♣
P	4 ♦	P	6 ♦
All Pass			



--North South Vulnerable--

In the last column, we saw that the New Minor asked further details about the major holdings. What happens when both minors have been bid at the one level? There is no NMF but a new suit at the three-level is forcing to game. A new major will show either six Diamonds or a full opener by the responder because he bid Diamonds instead of bidding the major. He also could have slam interest and has started a cuebidding sequence.

Three Clubs and Three Diamonds are both nonforcing. That must be Old Minor Nonforcing.

**The bidding:**

South opens *One Club*, his longer not stronger minor, and jumps to *Two No Trump* after partner responds a *Diamond*. North immediately sees the possibility of *Six Diamonds* and starts a cuebidding sequence with no trump suit set. He shows first round *Heart* control. He skips *Clubs* and *Diamonds* because he does not have first round control in these suits.

South shows the *Spade Ace* (*No Trump* bidder does not have a void, right?) and North shows second round control in *Clubs*. Whenever, one first skips a suit or partner shows the *Ace* in the suit, a further bid in the same suit shows second round control. South then shows the *Diamond Ace*. This is the first chance to bid *Diamonds*, so it shows first round control.

**Opening Lead:**

Looking at the *Club King*, West knows North has a rag singleton in *Clubs*. He leads a trump. A club lead from a tenace into the strong hand keeps the contract to six but can never can be done. The worst possible lead gives the defender a top board. That is bridge!

**The Result:**

*Six Diamonds* making seven for +1390.