

NMF

New Minor Forcing

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<http://watsongallery.ca/bridge/aaBidding/NMF.pdf>

This is closer to Standard American when one bids four card suits up-the-line than most players realize.

N	S
1♣	1♠
1NT	2♦

South skipped a four-card ♦ suit to bid a longer ♠ suit. However, here South has ♦'s

Frequently bypass 4+♦

Nowadays, because auctions can get pre-empted more often than they used to be, one will always skip a ♦ suit to bid a major unless one has a full opener. This way partner will know what major you have and that will help him decide what to do in a pre-empted auction.

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N	S
1♣	1♠
1NT	2♦

2♦ is NMF, nothing about ♦'s

2♦ is the minor that North did not open, that is the new minor. It does not promise a rebid.

N	S
1♣	1♠
1NT	2♣

6-9, 4 or 5 ♣'s in support

N	S
1♦	1♥
1NT	2♣

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In response to NMF, partner bids:

- The other major at the two-level if he has four of them
 - Partner raises to three-level with invitational values
 - Partner raises to four-level with game values
- If not, partner's major if he has three of them
 - At the two-level with 12 to 13-
 - At the three-level with 13+ to 14
- 2NT with a balanced 12 or 13 HCP's and a stopper in the unbid major
- 3NT with a balanced 13+ or 14 HCP's and a stopper in the unbid major
- Raise new minor suit with four
- Otherwise rebid one's original minor

1♦ 1♠
 1NT 2♣
 2NT 3♠ GF, 6 Spades

1♦ 1♠
 1NT 3♠ Inv, 6 Spades

1♦ 1♠
 1NT 2♠ 6 to 9, 5+ Spades

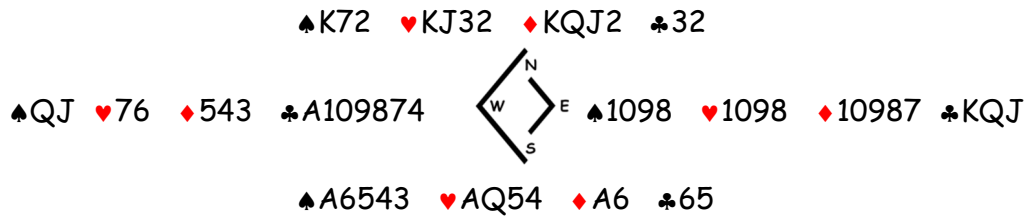
1♦ 1♠
 1NT 2♣
 2NT 3♦ invitational just not GF. Seems like a blame transfer to me. If you pass 2NT you might take the blame if 3NT is cold but if your partner passes 3♦, he gets the blame for not bidding 3NT. In an ideal partnership, a partner does not keep track of blame or how many times you play a contract, right?

1♦ 1♠
 1NT 2♣
 2NT 3♥ GF

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 1NT 2♣
 2NT 3♣ GF

Board 1 Four-Four Better Than Five-Three

North Dealer None Vulnerable



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

Opening Lead: ♣K, unbid suit, 2♣ is just NMF, nothing to do with ♣'s

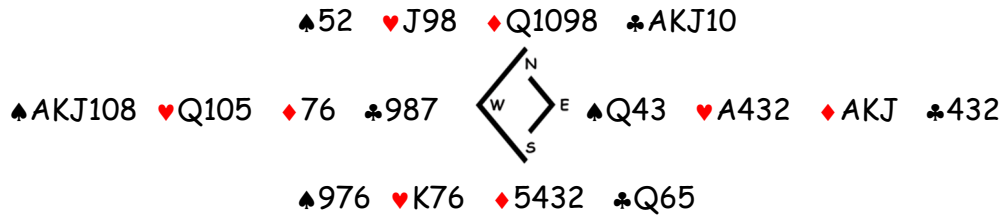
Analysis:

After NMF, one shows four of the other major first then three cards in the bid major.

Board 2 Show Four Hearts First

East Dealer

North South Vulnerable



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

Opening Lead: ♣King

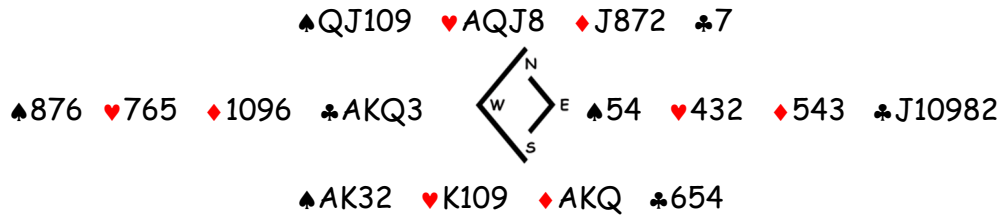
Analysis:

Partner signals the 6 then plays the ♣5. The defense takes three ♣'s and leads trump.

When declarer plays a small ♥ towards the closed hand, South must duck and West must guess the ten or Queen.

Board 3 Skip Spade Suit

South Dealer East West Vulnerable



N	E	S	W
		1♣	P
1♥	P	2NT	P
3♦	P	3♠	P
4NT	P	5♣	P
6♠	All Pass		

Opening Lead: ♣Ace then ♠8

Analysis:

South skips four Spades to get to NT first and to show the point range.

North bids NMF to ask about the Spade suit. South shows four ♠'s before three ♥'s.

4NT is 0314 keycard Blackwood.