

Same Hand, Different Games

by Steve Moese Tue 2/25

Board 2 ♠ J754
East Deals ♥ 64
N-S Vul ♦ 10743
♣ QJ4

♠ KQ10 ♥ AK82 ♦ 92 ♣ 9863
N W E S
♠ A8 ♥ Q103 ♦ AQJ86 ♣ 1072

♠ 9632
EW 3N; 3♥; ♥ J975
3♦; 2♠; 1♠ ♦ K5
♣ AK5

E	S	W	N
1♦	Dbl	Rdbl	1♠
P	P	Dbl	P
2♦	P	3N	AP

Board 2 was Jekyll and Hyde. One field saw No Trump, the other only ♥. How could that be?

Bidding: East opens a routine 1♦. South might or might not make a takeout double. If no double the auction is routine: 1♦-P-1♥-P-1N-P-3N. 12 HCP and 12 HCP makes 3NT 50% of the time.

After West's Redouble (10+ HCP implies no

fit), the auction is different. East passes so West can clarify. West doubles to show a "balanced" hand and 4♥s. Bidding 2♥ here implies 5 cards. East now rebids 2♦ to show 5, 0-3 ♥s. and 0-2 ♠s. West might jump to 3N on values. No ♣ stopper? If partner doesn't have one, maybe they split well or the suit blocks. Even if partner has ♣Qx or ♣Jx we will likely survive. Do not feel bad if you stop in 2N.

Play: East loses 3♣ and 1♦ trick to make their game.

Post mortem: Why ♥ contracts in the FM game? With 1♦ - Double - Redouble, West might rebid 2♥ on 4-cards. This will head you toward a 7-card fit unless East redirects to NT.

Without the double, some are reluctant to rebid 1N with 2=3=5=3 pattern. Don't be - this is a balanced hand. A 2!d rebid should show 6 cards or a side 4-card suit that's unbidable (can't reverse). Not the issue here.

♠♥♣♦

Bd 2	Scores		MPs	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
3 NT E	50		6	0
2 NT W	150	3.5	2.5	
2 NT E		150	3.5	2.5
1 NT W	150	3.5	2.5	
2 NT W		150	3.5	2.5
3 NT E	400	0.5	5.5	
3 NT E		400	0.5	5.5
4 ♥ W	100		3.5	0.5
4 ♥ W	100		3.5	0.5
3 ♥ W	50		1	3
3 ♥ W	50		1	3
3 ♥ W	50		1	3

2/25 - FM Leaders

1st OA: Karen Kalla & Richard Horvitz (61.6%)
2nd QA: Joan Diers & Evelyn McCarthy (59%)



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On New Minor Forcing by Steve Moese

After 1♣/♦-1♥/1♠-1N, responder might face a dilemma about strain (Major, NT) and level. New Minor Forcing (NMF) helps decide. With a 5-card major, responder will pass with a weak (5-6) or constructive (7-9 HCP) hand. With Invitational+ (10+ HCP) hands, responder makes a conventional bid in the other minor (with 2 exceptions). e.g. : 1♦-1♥/♠-1N-2♣; 1♣-1♥/♠-1N-2♦ **ALERT! NMF.** NMF asks opener to describe their hand as follows:

- 1) Rebid 2♦ with 5 cards (opening bid was 1♦)
- 2) Bid 2M with 3 cards and a minimum
- 3) Bid 2♥ with 4 cards if M is ♠. (Opener will raise ♠ later holding 3 cards)
- 4) Bid 2N with 2 M-cards and a minimum
- 5) Bid 3♥ with 3 M-cards and a Max (13-14 HCP)
- 6) Bid 3N with 2 M-cards and a Max (13-14 HCP)

Responder can pass any minimum response by opener, bid simply to M or NT (opener will pass) or bid freely at the 3 level. **3-level bids are Game Forcing with one exception.**

Responder has two invitational sequences that DO NOT USE NMF:

A **jump rebid in opener's minor** is invitational to game (usually setting off a search for 3NT stoppers).

1♦-1♥/♠-1N-3♦; 1♣-1♥/♠-1N-3♣ - Invitational with 4+ trumps.

A **Jump rebid in M** shows 6 M cards and 10-11 HCP (8 losers). 1♦-1♥/♠-1N-3♥/♠ - or - 1♣-1♥/♠-1N-3♥/♠ - Invitational with 6 M cards. Can play 3N or 4M. Say, ♠ KQxxxx ♥ KJx, ♦ Qx ♣ xx - Bid 1♠ then 3♠ over 1N.

What do we do with a 4-card major and 6+ cards in the other minor? Jump!

NMF uses 2 of the other minor as an artificial bid. This takes away the standard weak/constructive meaning for the 2 om rebid. So with a poor hand like ♠ Qxxx ♥ x ♦ K10xxxx ♣ xx we respond as follows: 1♣-1♠-1N-3♦ **ALERT!** 3♦ is to play and non-forcing.

How does responder force to game/explore slam?

Bid at the 3-level! Opener's 1NT is 11-14 HCP. Opener will jump with 13-14 HCP. This insures we reach game when responder is only 10-11 HCP. When Opener answers NMF bids simply showing a minimum 11-12 HCP, Responder can now take change of the auction. Here are a few examples:

1♣-1♠
1N-2♦
2♥
Opener shows 4♥ cards and has said nothing about ♠ fit. If responder has ♠ KQxxx ♥ KQxx ♦ Jx ♣ xx, we've just found our ♥ fit. Responder can pass safely knowing partner has 11-12 HCP. With 13-14 HCP, Opener would jump to 3♥. Give responder a better hand: ♠ KQxxx ♥ KQxx ♦ Jx ♣ Ax and responder bids 4♥. Better still: ♠ KQxxx ♥ KQxx ♦ Ax ♣ Ax, and now 3♥ is right (Game forcing, looking for controls). 3♥ is not a re-invite – WE NEVER INVITE TWICE. Makes no sense to differentiate between 11 and 12 HCP anyway. 3♥ is SLAM interest.

1♣-1♠
1N-2♦
2♠
Opener has a minimum with 3 ♠ cards. Now 2N is to play, and any 3-level bid is GF, including 3♠. 4♠ shows no interest in slam opposite a balanced minimum. 4♥ would show 5 cards in both majors with slam interest. Without slam interest, responder would have bid 4♥ instead of NMF at their 2nd turn.

1♣-1♥
1N-2♦
2♠
This is a problematic auction. If 1N denies 4 ♠ cards, then 2♠ shows a fragment looking for a stopper in ♦ (the unbid suit). Responder will bid NT with a stopper and 3♣ with a partial stopper (Jxx, Qx). 2♠ should deny 3 card ♥ support and have the same values as necessary for 2N. Now 2N/3N promises a stopper in ♦ - the only suit not yet bid naturally.

1♣-1♥
1N-2♦
2♥/♠-3N
4♠
Opener prefers ♠ to NT. Notice the delayed ♠ support after showing 4♥ cards first.

Newcomer News — by Mike "Keeping Fun On My Convention Card" Purcell 513 702 4007

Here is the schedule for the next few Saturdays:

Mar 1 – Kay Mulford and Lorna Davis

Mar 8 – Pat Hoffman and John Meinking

Mar 15 – Judy Ruehl and Bob Fisk

This week we look at a hand where it is right to bid 3NT with a void. Enjoy.

Bidding – South with 12 HCP and 5 spades will open 1♠ (12+ HCP, 5+ Spades). I am playing West and have 15 HCP and spades well stopped. Normally I am cautious overcalling 1NT (15-18 balanced, opponents suit stopped) with 15 HCP but with real strength in the spade suit it is a good call. North passes. East has 10 HCP, 5-5 in the minors and a heart void. East should not worry about hearts when partner bids 1NT. With 25-28 HCP between the two hands and at least one minor suit that should run, East should go to game in 3NT confident that partner can run at least 1 of the minors.

Board 22 ♠ 7

East Deals ♥ 108642

E-W Vul ♦ QJ82

♣ 1076

♠ KJ106

♥ AQ97

♦ 54

♣ AJ2

♠ Q92

♥ —

♦ K10763

♣ KQ985

EW 4N;

2♠; 2♦; 2♣;

NS 2♥

♠ A8543

♥ KJ53

♦ A9

♣ 43

Bd 22	Scores		MPs	
	NS	EW	NS	EW
3 NT W	600	6	0	
3 NT W	630	3.5	2.5	
3 NT W	630	3.5	2.5	
3 NT W	630	3.5	2.5	
3 NT W	630	3.5	2.5	
3 NT W	660	0.5	5.5	
3 NT W	660	0.5	5.5	
2 ♥ S	100	4	0	
3 ♣ E	110	3	1	
4 ♣ E	130	1.5	2.5	
4 ♣ E	130	1.5	2.5	
3 NT W	600	0	4	

Play of the Hand – On a spade lead, West can easily develop 9 tricks (3♠, 1♥, 5♣). A 10th trick can come if South takes the ♠A and switches to a heart allowing you to win the ♥Q. Even if South returns a spade, you can run clubs and then spades and eventually endplay South into giving you a tenth trick.

Post Mortem – When partner opens or overcalls 1NT, do not be afraid to bid 3NT even if you are short in a suit if you have the enough HCP to be in game. Partner promises stoppers for their bid and more often than not you will be ok.

Looking to improve your game? If you have an Intel Computer we highly recommend the free software offered by the ACBL and developed by Mr. Fred Gitelman. Check it out at: <https://web.acbl.org/LearnToPlayBridge/>