

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 2
♥ Q 5 2
♦ K 8 7 4
♣ Q J T

10
12 11
7

♠ K 9 3
♥ 7 4
♦ Q J 6 5
♣ A 8 3 2



♠ Q J 8 6 4
♥ A T 9 8 3
♦ 3
♣ 7 6

♠ T 5
♥ K J 6
♦ A T 9 2
♣ K 9 5 4

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	All Pass	

2 ♠ by North

Baker Michaels 1

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2 ♦]

A perfect Michaels example; 5-5 in the Majors
and 9 points. You bid 2 ♦ and partner says 2 ♠.
What do you bid next? [BID pass]

You have a rather minimum Michaels type
hand and you asked partner to choose a Major
suit. He chose ♠s. But don't start thinking
about what great support you have for his ♠
suit, he doesn't HAVE a ♠ suit, he is just
supporting yours. In other words, you pass.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 4
♥ Q
♦ Q 7 4 2
♣ K Q T 8 2

8
14 9
9

♠ A T 8 6 3

♥ A T 9 7 4

♦ 8 6

♣ 5



♠ J 9 5

♥ K 8 3

♦ A J T 5

♣ 9 7 6

♠ 7 2

♥ J 6 5 2

♦ K 9 3

♣ A J 4 3

West

1 ♣

All Pass

North

2 ♣

East

Pass

South

2 ♥

2 ♥ by South

Baker Michaels 2

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

What do you say? [BID 2 ♥]

You have a fair hand with a guaranteed 8-card fit in either Major. You are not, however, strong enough to jump the bidding. So you bid 2 ♥, which is passed out.

Deal 4

East Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q T 8 3
♥ J T 5
♦ 5
♣ T 8 7 4

12
6 13
9

♠ A 6 4 2
♥ Q 8 7 3
♦ Q 3
♣ A 9 5



♠ 7 5
♥ 9
♦ K T 9 7 4
♣ K Q J 6 3

♠ J 9
♥ A K 6 4 2
♦ A J 8 6 2
♣ 2

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

3♣ by North

Baker Michaels 3

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2NT]

You have a pretty good hand for an Unusual Notrump, but not so good that you wouldn't use the convention. You bid 2NT and partner says 3♣. What do you say next? [BID pass]

As mentioned, you have a pretty good hand, but partner only bid because you forced him to and he showed nothing more than minimum. So you pass.

Deal 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q T 8 3 2
♥ K Q T
♦ A
♣ 8 6 3

11
15 7
7

♠ 9 6
♥ 4
♦ K Q J 8 4
♣ K Q T 7 5



♠ J 7 5
♥ A J 9 7 3
♦ 9 6 5
♣ J 2

♠ K 4
♥ 8 6 5 2
♦ T 7 3 2
♣ A 9 4

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

3 ♦ by South

Baker Michaels 4

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 3 ♦]

Your best suit is ♥s. But partner didn't ask you to bid ♥s, he asked you to pick a Minor. You know you will have an 8-card fit in ♦s so you take the safe approach and bid 3 ♦. Everybody passes.

Deal 6

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q T 5
♥ 6
♦ K Q J T 8 4
♣ 9 7 4

9
8 18
5

♠ 8 6 3
♥ K 7 5 3 2
♦ A 9 7 5
♣ Q



♠ 7
♥ J T 9 8 4
♦ 6
♣ K J T 5 3 2

♠ A K J 9 4 2
♥ A Q
♦ 3 2
♣ A 8 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	1♠ All Pass	2♠

4♥ by North

Baker Michaels 5

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2♠]

Of course you bid a Michaels Cue-Bid of 2♠.
Partner says 4♥. What do you bid now? [BID pass]

Partner's jump might indicate he has a really good hand, or he might just have a really good fit. You certainly don't have the strength to make another move so you pass. A good thing, too. Partner might get lucky and make this but it looks like the other guys are cold for 4♠. Even if partner loses 2♥ tricks and goes down 1 it will turn out to be a good sacrifice.

Deal 7

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 8 5
♥ Q 8 5 3 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ 7

7
11 0
22

♠ 7 4
♥ 6
♦ J 9 8 7 3
♣ A Q T 8 5



♠ A K T 6
♥ A K J 9
♦ K 6
♣ K J 2

♠ 9 3 2
♥ T 7 4
♦ T 5 2
♣ 9 6 4 3

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3NT by South

Baker Michaels 6

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 3NT]

You have no idea what you can make with this hand. Slam in one of the minors may be possible, but maybe not. You decide to try 3NT.

Deal 8

East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 6 5 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 6
♣ 9 7 5 4 3

16
4 13
7

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 6
♦ Q 9 8 4 2
♣ K Q J



♠ 8 7
♥ Q J 9 8 4
♦ K J T 5 3
♣ 2

♠ Q T 4
♥ K T 5 3
♦ A 7
♣ A T 8 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♦	1♣ All Pass	2NT

4♦ by North

5♦.

Baker Michaels 7

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2NT]

With the two lowest unbid suits you bid 2NT.
Partner jumps to 4♦. What do you bid? [BID pass]

Partner probably has a good hand, but he might just be preempting. Assuming he is inviting you to bid game you have a tough decision. You are not very strong but you might have been a couple of points weaker. It is strictly a judgement call and we decide to pass.

As you can see, IF they open the lead with a ♣, and IF the ♥ finesse then works, you can make

Deal 9

West Deals
None Vul

♠ -
♥ A 8 5 3
♦ Q 9 8 4 3
♣ K Q 8 6

6
11 10
13

♠ K 9 8 7 4
♥ Q J T 9 6
♦ 5
♣ 7 4



♠ A J T 6
♥ 7 4
♦ A 7 6
♣ A T 9 5

♠ Q 5 3 2
♥ K 2
♦ K J T 2
♣ J 3 2

West
1 ♦
Pass

North
2 ♦
4 ♠

East
Pass
All Pass

South
3 ♠

4 ♠ by North

Baker Michaels 8

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 3 ♠]

As you have figured out by now, using Michaels Cue-Bids / Unusual Notrump is sometimes hard to tie down. Here you have 13/14 points and if you figure partner for 9 that won't be enough for game. But, those two Minor Aces are worth a lot when you figure partner has only 3 Minor suit cards.

So let's say you decide to just invite with 3 ♠. Partner takes you to game.

You will surely make this game if trumps split 2-2. If they don't then you will have to hope for a defensive mistake.

Deal 10

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5 2
♥ K T 7 3 2
♦ -
♣ Q T 9 7 3

9
5 18
8

♠ K Q J 7
♥ 6
♦ 9 7 4
♣ K 8 6 5 4



♠ T
♥ Q J 9 8 4
♦ K J T 5 3
♣ J 2

♠ A 9 8 4 3
♥ A 5
♦ A Q 8 6 2
♣ A

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

3 ♦ by South

Baker Michaels 9

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

What do you say? [BID 2 ♠]

With 5 cards in the "other" Major and a 5-card Minor you bid 2 ♠, Michaels of course. Partner bids 2NT. What do you say next? [BID 3 ♦]

Is it possible that partner wants to play Notrump? Not at all. He hates ♥s and wants you to bid your Minor suit. So you say 3 ♦ and he passes.

Deal 11

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 8 2
♥ J 5
♦ A 9 2
♣ Q 8 7 2

17
11 5
7

♠ K Q
♥ A K Q 8 3
♦ Q J T 5 4
♣ 3



♠ T 6
♥ 7 4
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ A T 9 6 5

♠ J 7 5 4 3
♥ T 9 6 2
♦ 8
♣ K J 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	2NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
All Pass			

5 ♦ by South

Baker Michaels 10

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 3 ♦]

Partner asked you to choose between ♥s and ♦s so you bid 3 ♦. He then raises you to 4 ♦. What do you bid? [BID 5 ♦]

If you say to yourself "I only have 7 HCP" then you might pass. But if you say "Partner invited me to bid game, even though I might have no points and only 3 trumps. I'm a lot better than that.", then you will accept the invitation. So you bid 5 ♦ and everybody passes.

Deal 12

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 2
♥ K T
♦ J 9 8 4 2
♣ T 9 4 2

12
4 11
13

♠ K T 9 3
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ K 6
♣ K Q 5



♠ A Q J 6 5
♥ 9
♦ A Q T 5 3
♣ 6 3

♠ 8 4
♥ A Q 8 7 4 3
♦ 7
♣ A J 8 7

West	North	East	South
		1♥	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4♠ by South

Baker Michaels 11

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 1♠]

With 5 cards in the "other" Major and a 5-card Minor suit this looks like an ideal Michaels Cue-Bid, right? No, not really. While it would not be a capital offense to bid 2♥ here, it generally works out better with 13-16 point hands to just overcall in your higher-ranking suit. You bid 1♠. Partner responds 2♥. What do you bid? [BID 4♠]

Partner's cue-bid shows a limit-raise or better in ♠s. So you bid 4♠ without the blink of an eye.

Deal 13

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 7
♥ A J 9 7 5
♦ Q J 6 4
♣ 9 2

7
11 13
9

♠ A T 9 8 3
♥ 8
♦ 7 5
♣ Q J T 7 4



♠ 6
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ K T 9 3
♣ K 8 6 5

♠ Q J 5 4 2
♥ Q T 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ A 3

West
1 ♥
Pass

North
2 ♥
3 ♣

East
Pass
All Pass

South
2NT

3 ♣ by North

Baker Michaels 12

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2NT]

Partner is 5-5 in ♠s and one of the Minor suits.
Forget ♠s, you want him to bid the Minor. So
you bid 2NT. Partner says 3 ♣. What do you
bid now? [BID pass]

Partner only made a minimum bid, so you have
no choice but to pass.

Deal 14

East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 4
♥ A 3 2
♦ T 4 2
♣ Q J 9 6

4
8 12
16

♠ 7 6 2
♥ J 9 5
♦ Q J 8
♣ 7 5 4 2



♠ A K 8 5 3
♥ K Q T 7 4
♦ 5
♣ A 3

♠ Q T
♥ 8 6
♦ A K 9 7 6 3
♣ K T 8

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
All Pass			

3 ♥ by South

Baker Michaels 13

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2 ♦]

With 18 points and 5-5 Major suits you are up in the high-level Michaels category. You bid 2 ♦ and partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next? [BID 3 ♥]

Yes, you have a high-level Michaels hand but don't get carried away. Remember that you forced partner to bid. Any bid at all by you at this point will show 17+ points, so you just raise to 3 ♥. Partner has a weak hand and passes.

Deal 15

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K
♥ J 7 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ K J 9 4 2

9
13 11
7

♠ 9 4
♥ A T 9 6 4
♦ K Q 6 5 2
♣ 8



♠ Q J T 8 7 6 5
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 4
♣ A 6

♠ 3 2
♥ K Q 5
♦ A T 8
♣ Q T 7 5 3

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

3 ♠ by South

Baker Michaels 14

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 3 ♠]

Partner wants you to bid ♥s or ♦s. You figure that in either of the red suits you will have a 7-card fit. You hope to do better than that in ♠s. So you bid 3 ♠ and everybody passes.

Deal 16

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7
 ♥ T 9 2
 ♦ A Q J 9 8
 ♣ J T 2

2
 8 12
 18

♠ J 9 4 3

♥ J 6

♦ T 7 6 4

♣ 9 7 6



♠ K Q T 6 2

♥ A K Q 7 4

♦ 5

♣ A 3

♠ A 5

♥ 8 5 3

♦ K 3 2

♣ K Q 8 5 4

West	North	East	South
		1 ♣	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Michaels 15

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

What do you say? [BID 2 ♣]

You have 20 points and two good 5-card Majors so you bid a Michaels 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♠. What do you say next? [BID 4 ♠]

Partner may have as few as zero points and as many as 13 or so. You **COULD** bid an invitational 3 ♠, but if he has only 5 or 6 points he will pass. Looking at your hand you only need to find partner with ♠ J x x to have a good shot at game. So go ahead and bid 4 ♠.

Will you look at that. Partner has only 2 points, but what great ones to have!

Deal 17

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♥ J 7 6
♦ A K Q 9 6 3
♣ Q J 8

7
13 4
16

♠ K 9 8 5 2
♥ A 9 4 3 2
♦ T 5
♣ 9



♠ A 6
♥ K Q T 8
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 6 5

♠ Q J T 7 4
♥ 5
♦ J 8
♣ T 7 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
All Pass			

4 ♥ by South

Baker Michaels 16

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 4 ♥]

Partner has 5 of each Major suit so you know of a good 9-card ♥ fit. You have a nice hand and must decide between inviting with 3 ♥ or bidding the game on your own. You decide to bid the game so you say 4 ♥ and everybody passes.

Deal 18

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 8 6 5
♥ Q T 7 5 4 3
♦ T 4
♣ 2

17
5 12
6

♠ A 7 3
♥ A K
♦ A Q 6 3
♣ T 8 5 3



♠ 4
♥ 6
♦ K 8 7 5 2
♣ Q J 9 7 6 4

♠ Q J T 9 2
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ J 9
♣ A K

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	2NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	5 ♣	All Pass	

5 ♣ by North

Baker Michaels 17

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2NT]

This is a really good hand for Unusual Notrump. You bid 2NT and partner says 3 ♠.
What do you say now? [BID 4 ♣]

Partner apparently has a big hand. His cue-bid is forcing, and probably means he wants to be in game. But for now you can just show your minimum strength and give a suit preference.
You bid 4 ♣ and partner raises to 5 ♣.

Deal 19

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 6 2
♥ Q T 3
♦ J 8
♣ A Q J 8

10
14 10
6

♠ Q J 7 5 3
♥ A 9 8 4 2
♦ K 5
♣ 4



♠ T 4
♥ J 6
♦ Q T 9 7 4 2
♣ K 6 5

♠ K 8
♥ K 7 5
♦ A 6 3
♣ T 9 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	2 ♣	3 ♣	All Pass

3 ♣ by East

Baker Michaels 18

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID pass]

Many times at Bridge you want to fight for the contract. This isn't one of them. With 6 HCP and only four cards total in partner's two suits just let the opponents have it. You pass.

Deal 20

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 8 4 3
♥ 8 4
♦ Q J 9 3
♣ T 6

13
6 13
8

♠ 7
♥ 6 2
♦ A 6 4
♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3

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	S	

♠ A J
♥ A J T 5
♦ K T 8 5 2
♣ 5 2

♠ Q T 6 5 2
♥ K Q 9 7 3
♦ 7
♣ J 9

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♣	1♦ All Pass	2♦

3♣ by North

Baker Michaels 19

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 2♦]

With two 5-card Majors of course you bid 2♦.
Partner responds 3♣. What do you say now?
[BID pass]

This wasn't according to your script. Partner was supposed to choose a Major. The reason he didn't, of course, is that he didn't like either one and figured you would be better in ♣s. So you pass.

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 3
♥ Q J
♦ K Q J 9 3
♣ K Q 8 3

8
18 8
6

♠ K J T 5 2
♥ A 9 7 4 3
♦ 6 2
♣ T



♠ Q 8 7 4
♥ T 6 5
♦ 7
♣ A 9 7 5 2

♠ 9 6
♥ K 8 2
♦ A T 8 5 4
♣ J 6 4

Baker Michaels 20

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.
What do you say? [BID 3♠]

You don't have a great hand but you DO have 4 ♠s. So don't let the opponents have a 3-level contract when your side has 9 ♠s. Bid 3♠.

Note: See the Law of Total Tricks Lesson on this topic.

West	North	East	South
1♦	2♦	3♦	3♠
All Pass			

3♠ by South