

**Deal 1**  
East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 5 2  
♥ K J 5 2  
♦ A 10 9  
♣ J 9 4

10  
9 14  
7

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 ♠      Pass      Pass  
Pass  
2 ♠ by North

♠ K 9 3  
♥ 7 4  
♦ Q J 6 5  
♣ A 8 3 2

♠ A 7  
♥ Q 6  
♦ K 8 7 4 2  
♣ K Q 10 5

♠ Q J 8 6 4  
♥ A 10 9 8 3  
♦ 3  
♣ 7 6

10  
9 14  
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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 ♠. 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 2**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 5

♠ 4  
♥ J 2  
♦ K Q 3 2  
♣ A K Q 8 4 2

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♠ A 10 8 6 3  
♥ A 10 9 7 4  
♦ 8 6  
♣ K Q 7 2  
♥ Q 6 5  
♦ 9 7 4  
♣ J 10 3

8	♠ J 9 5
15 8	♥ K 8 3
9	♦ A J 10 5
	♣ 9 7 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♣	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♥ by South			

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 3**

East Deals	♠ A 6 4 2
None Vul	♥ Q 8 7 3
	♦ Q 3
	♣ A 9 5

♠ K 10 9 8 3	♠ Q J
♥ A 10 6	♥ K J 5 4 2
♦ J 6 5	♦ A 8 2
♣ 4 2	♣ 10 8 7



12	♠ 7 5
8 11	♥ 9
9	♦ K 10 9 7 4
	♣ K Q J 6 3

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

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

You have a pretty good hand for an Unusual Notrump, but not so good that you wouldn't use the convention. You bid 2 NT 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 4**

West Deals	♠ 9 6		
None Vul	♥ 4		
	♦ K Q J 8 4		
	♣ K Q 10 7 5		
♠ A Q 10 8 3 2	♠ K 4		
♥ Q 6	♥ K 10 8 5 2		
♦ A 10	♦ 7 3 2		
♣ 9 8 4	♣ A 6 3		
11	♠ J 7 5		
12 10	♥ A J 9 7 3		
7	♦ 9 6 5		
	♣ J 2		
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♦ by South			

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 5*

East Deals  
None Vul

<p>♠ K 5 4</p> <p>♥ A Q 6</p> <p>♦ K Q 10 8 4 2</p> <p>♣ 8</p>		<p>♠ A Q J 10 9 2</p> <p>♥ —</p> <p>♦ J 3</p> <p>♣ A 9 7 6 4</p>
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**♠ 7**  
♥ J 10 9 8 4  
♦ 6  
• K Q 10 9 8 7

		<b>♣ K J 10 5 3 2</b>		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	
		1 ♠		2 ♠
Pass	4 ♥	Pass		Pass
Pass				
4 ♥ by North				

sacrifice.

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

**Deal 6**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 4	♦ J 9 8 7 3
♥ 6	
	◆ A Q 10 8 5

♠ Q J 9	♦ A Q 4 2
♥ Q 7 4 3 2	
◆ 7	♣ 7

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N	
W	E
S	

♠ 8 5 3 2	♦ 10 8 5
♥ 10 5	◆ 9 6 4 3

♠ A K 10 6
♥ A K J 9
♦ K 6
♣ K J 2

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

3 NT by North

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

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 3 NT.



**Deal 8**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 5 2

♥ A K 5 2

♦ K Q 10 9

♣ J 6 2

13 8  
13

West

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

4 ♣ by South

♠ K 9 8 7 4

♥ Q J 10 9 6

♦ 5

♣ 7 4

♠	K	9	8	7	4	♠	Q	3
♥	Q	J	10	9	6	♥	8	3
♦	5					♦	J	8 4 3 2
♣	7	4				♣	K	Q 8 3

♠ A J 10 6

♥ 7 4

♦ A 7 6

♣ A 10 9 5

North

2 ♦

4 ♣

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass

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 9**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3 2  
♥ K 10 7 5 3  
♦ A Q 8 2  
♣ 10

9  
9 14  
8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 7  
♥ 6  
♦ 9 7 4  
♣ K 8 6 5 4

♠ A 8 6 5 4  
♥ A 2  
♦ 6  
♣ A Q 9 7 3

♠ 10  
♥ Q J 9 8 4  
♦ K J 10 5 3  
♣ J 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♠	2♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3♦ by South			

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 2 NT. 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 10**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A J 4 2	♦ A 9 2	♣ K J 8 2
♥ 5 2		
♦ A 9 2		
♣ K J 8 2		

17	13 3	7

N	
W	E
S	

♠ 9 8 7 5 3	♦ J 10 9 6	♣ Q 7 4
♦ 8		

♠ 10 6	♦ 7 4	♣ A 10 9 6 5
♦ K 7 6 3		

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♣	2 NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	
5♦ by South			

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 11**  
East Deals  
None Vul

♠ —	♠ K 10 9 3	♦ K 6	♣ K Q 5
♥ 10 8 3	♥ J 6 5 2		
♦ J 9 8 7 4		♦ 2	
♣ 10 9 8 4 2		♣ A J 7	
	♠ A Q J 6 5		
12	♥ 9		
1 14	♦ A Q 10 5 3		
13	♣ 6 3		
West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

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 12**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9 8 3
♥ 8
♦ 7 5
♣ Q J 10 7 4

♠ Q 2
♥ A J 10 9 7 5
♦ A Q J 6
♣ A

18	7	6
9		

N		
W	E	S
♠ K J 7 5 4	♥ Q 3	♦ 8 4 2
♣ 9 3 2		

♠ 6
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ K 10 9 3
♣ K 8 6 5

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

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

Partner is 5-5 in ♠s and one of the Minor suits. Forget ♠s, you want him to bid the Minor. So you bid 2 NT. 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 13**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 10 9 4  
 ♥ 8 6 2  
 ♦ 10 6 4  
 ♣ J 10 8

4  
 3 17  
 16

♠ 7 6 2  
 ♥ J 9 5  
 ♦ Q J 8  
 ♣ 7 5 4 2

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ J  
 ♥ A 3  
 ♦ A K 9 7 3 2  
 ♣ K Q 9 6

♠ A K 8 5 3  
 ♥ K Q 10 7 4  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ A 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♦	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♥ by North			

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 14**West Deals  
None Vul

<b>♠ A 2</b>	<b>♠ 9 4</b>
<b>♥ K Q J 7</b>	<b>♥ A 10 9 6 4</b>
<b>♦ A J</b>	<b>♦ K Q 6 5 2</b>
<b>♣ K J 10 3 2</b>	<b>♣ 8</b>
	<b>♠ K 3</b>
	<b>♥ 5 2</b>
	<b>♦ 10 9 8 3</b>
	<b>♣ Q 9 7 5 4</b>
	<b>♠ Q J 10 8 7 6 5</b>
<b>19 9</b>	<b>♥ 8 3</b>
<b>5 7</b>	<b>♦ 7 4</b>
	<b>♣ A 6</b>

**W N E S**

*West      North      East      South*

1♣      2 NT      Pass      3♠

Pass      Pass      Pass

3♠ by South

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 15**  
East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8 5  
♥ 10 9 5 2  
♦ A K J 9  
♣ 10 5 2

2  
8 12  
18

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 ♠      Pass      4 ♠  
Pass      Pass      Pass  
4 ♠ by North

♠ J 9 4 3  
♥ J 6  
♦ 10 7 6 4  
♣ 9 7 6

♠ A 7  
♥ 8 3  
♦ Q 8 3 2  
♣ K Q J 8 4

♠ K Q 10 6 2  
♥ A K Q 7 4  
♦ 5  
♣ A 3

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 16**  
West Deals  
None Vul  
**♠ K 9 8 5 2**  
**♥ A 9 4 3 2**  
**♦ 10 5**  
**♣ 9**

**♠ J**  
**♥ 7 5**  
**♦ AKQJ 8 6**  
**♣ J 10 4 2**

**7**  
**12 5**  
**16**

**N**  
W E  
**S**  
**♠ Q 10 7 4 3**  
**♥ J 6**  
**♦ 9 3**  
**♣ Q 8 7 3**

**♠ A 6**  
**♥ K Q 10 8**  
**♦ 7 4 2**  
**♣ A K 6 5**

*West*      *North*      *East*      *South*  
1♦      2♦      Pass      4♥  
Pass      Pass      Pass  
4♥ by South

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 17**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6 5  
 ♥ Q J 10 9 8 5 4 3  
 ♦ J 4  
 ♣ —

<sup>17</sup>  
 6 11  
 6

♠ A 7 3  
 ♥ A K  
 ♦ A Q 6 3  
 ♣ 10 8 5 3



♠ K J 10 9 8 2  
 ♥ 7 2  
 ♦ 10 9  
 ♣ A K 2

♠ 4  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ K 8 7 5 2  
 ♣ Q J 9 7 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♠	2 NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
5♣ by South			

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

This is a really good hand for Unusual Notrump. You bid 2 NT 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 18**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 8 6  
 ♥ K Q 3  
 ♦ A J 8  
 ♣ 10 9 8 7

**10**  
**14** **10**  
 6      ♠ 10 4  
 ♥ J 6  
 ♦ Q 10 9 7 4 2  
 ♣ K 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♣	2♣	3♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3♣ by West			

♠ Q J 7 5 3  
 ♥ A 9 8 4 2  
 ♦ K 5  
 ♣ 4

N  
 W     E  
 S      ♠ K 9 2  
 ♥ 10 7 5  
 ♦ 6 3  
 ♣ A Q J 3 2

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 19**East Deals  
None Vul

	♠ 7		
	♥ 6 2		
	♦ A 6 4		
	♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3		
♠ 9 8 3		♠ A K J 4	
♥ J 5		♥ A 10 8 4	
♦ J 10 9 8 5	W N E	♦ K Q 3 2	
♣ 10 6 2	S	♣ 5	
		♠ Q 10 6 5 2	
13		♥ K Q 9 7 3	
2 17		♦ 7	
8		♣ J 9	
West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♣ by North			

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.

**Deal 20**  
West Deals  
None Vul  
♠ K J 10 5 2  
♥ A 9 7 4 3  
♦ 6 2  
♣ 10

♠ 9 3                      ♠ A 6  
♥ Q 8                      ♥ K J 2  
♦ K Q 10 9 3              ♦ A J 8 5 4  
♣ K Q 6 4                      ♣ J 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

      ♠ Q 8 7 4  
      ♥ 10 6 5  
      ♦ 7  
      ♣ A 9 7 5 2

*West      North      East      South*  
1♦      2♦      3♦      3♠  
Pass      Pass      Pass  
3♠ by South

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.