

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3 2

♥ K 10 7 5 3

♦ A Q 8 2

♣ 10

9  
9 14  
8

♠ K Q J 7

♥ 6

♦ 9 7 4

♣ K 8 6 5 4

N  
W E  
S

♠ 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

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 NT

1 ♠

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♦

3 ♦ by South

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

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?

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 2**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

17  
13 3  
7

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

5 ♦ by South

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



♠ 10 6  
♥ 7 4  
♦ K 7 6 3  
♣ A 10 9 6 5

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

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

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

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 3**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ —  
 ♥ 10 8 3  
 ♦ J 9 8 7 4  
 ♣ 10 9 8 4 2

12  
 1 14  
 13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ J 6 5 2

♦ K 6

♣ K Q 5



♠ A Q J 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q 10 5 3

♣ 6 3

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

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

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?

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

**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

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

9  
 6 18  
 7

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by South

♠ 6

♥ K 6 4 2

♦ K 10 9 3

♣ K 8 6 5



♠ A 10 9 8 3

♥ 8

♦ 7 5

♣ Q J 10 7 4

North

2 NT

Pass

♠ Q 2

♥ A J 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J 6

♣ A

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

3 ♣

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

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 ♣.

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