

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 5 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 6

♣ 9 7 5 4 3

♠ A 9 3

♥ A 6

♦ Q 9 8 4 2

♣ K Q J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 4

♥ K T 5 3

♦ A 7

♣ A T 8 6

♠ 8 7

♥ Q J 9 8 4

♦ K J T 5 3

♣ 2

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

4♦ by North

Baker Michaels 7

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

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

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 5♦.

Board 2

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 9 8 7 4
 ♥ Q J T 9 6
 ♦ 5
 ♣ 7 4

♠ Q 5 3 2

♥ K 2

♦ K J T 2

♣ J 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J T 6
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ A T 9 5

♠ -
 ♥ A 8 5 3
 ♦ Q 9 8 4 3
 ♣ K Q 8 6

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

4 ♠ by West

Baker Michaels 8

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

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.

Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5 2
♥ K T 7 3 2
♦ -
♣ Q T 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 7

♥ 6

♦ 9 7 4

♣ K 8 6 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 8 4 3
♥ A 5
♦ A Q 8 6 2
♣ A

♠ T
♥ Q J 9 8 4
♦ K J T 5 3
♣ J 2

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?

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?

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.

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ T 6
♥ 7 4
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ A T 9 6 5

♠ A 9 8 2

♥ J 5

♦ A 9 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 7 5 4 3
♥ T 9 6 2
♦ 8
♣ K J 4

♠ K Q
♥ A K Q 8 3
♦ Q J T 5 4
♣ 3

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

5♦ by West

Baker Michaels 10

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.

Board 5

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 4

♥ A Q 8 7 4 3

♦ 7

♣ A J 8 7

♠ A Q J 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q T 5 3

♣ 6 3



♠ 7 2
♥ K T
♦ J 9 8 4 2
♣ T 9 4 2

♠ K T 9 3
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ K 6
♣ K Q 5

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

4 ♠ by North

Baker Michaels 11

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.

Board 6

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 6
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ K T 9 3
♣ K 8 6 5

♠ K 7

♥ A J 9 7 5

♦ Q J 6 4

♣ 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A T 9 8 3
♥ 8
♦ 7 5
♣ Q J T 7 4

♠ Q J 5 4 2
♥ Q T 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ A 3

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

3♣ by East

Baker Michaels 12

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 2NT. Partner says 3♣.

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