

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 5 2
♥ K J 5 2
♦ A 10 9
♣ J 9 4

10
9 14
7

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

♠ K 9 3
♥ 7 4
♦ Q J 6 5
♣ A 8 3 2



♠ Q J 8 6 4
♥ A 10 9 8 3
♦ 3
♣ 7 6

North

2 ♠

East

1 ♦

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

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 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 8 6 3

♥ A 10 9 7 4

♦ 8 6

♣ 5

♠ 4

♥ J 2

♦ K Q 3 2

♣ A K Q 8 4 2



♠ K Q 7 2

♥ Q 6 5

♦ 9 7 4

♣ J 10 3

♠ J 9 5

♥ K 8 3

♦ A J 10 5

♣ 9 7 6

8
15 8
9

West

1 ♣

Pass

2 ♥ by South

North

2 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

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 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ A 10 6

♦ J 6 5

♣ 4 2

12
8 11
9

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by North

♠ A 6 4 2

♥ Q 8 7 3

♦ Q 3

♣ A 9 5



♠ 7 5

♥ 9

♦ K 10 9 7 4

♣ K Q J 6 3

North

3 ♣

East

1 ♥

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

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

None Vul

♠ A Q 10 8 3 2

♥ Q 6

♦ A 10

♣ 9 8 4

11
12 10
7

West

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♦ by South

♠ 9 6

♥ 4

♦ K Q J 8 4

♣ K Q 10 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ J 7 5

♥ A J 9 7 3

♦ 9 6 5

♣ J 2

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♦

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

♠ 8 6 3
♥ K 7 5 3 2
♦ A 9 7 5
♣ Q

♠ K 5 4
♥ A Q 6
♦ K Q 10 8 4 2
♣ 8



♠ A Q J 10 9 2
♥ —
♦ J 3
♣ A 9 7 6 4

9
14 12
5

♠ 7
♥ J 10 9 8 4
♦ 6
♣ K J 10 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
		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

♠ Q J 9
♥ Q 7 4 3 2
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ 7

7
11 0
22

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

♠ 7 4
♥ 6
♦ J 9 8 7 3
♣ A Q 10 8 5

	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

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 7

East Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 6
♦ Q 9 8 4 2
♣ K Q J

♠ K 10 6 5 4 2
♥ 7 5
♦ 6
♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ 8 7
♥ Q J 9 8 4
♦ K J 10 5 3
♣ 2

16
3 14
7

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

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

With the two lowest unbid suits you bid 2 NT. 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 5♦.

Deal 8

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ A K 5 2
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ J 6 2

6
13 8
13

West
1 ♦
Pass
Pass
4 ♠ by South

♠ K 9 8 7 4
♥ Q J 10 9 6
♦ 5
♣ 7 4



♠ 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

♠ 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

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

Pass

2 NT

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♦

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
♥ 5 2
♦ A 9 2
♣ K J 8 2

17
13 3
7

West
1 ♣
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

North
2 NT
4 ♦
Pass

East
Pass
Pass
Pass

South
3 ♦
5 ♦

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

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

12
1 14
13

♠ 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

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

♠ Q 2

♥ A J 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J 6

♣ A

7
18 6
9

♠ A 10 9 8 3

♥ 8

♦ 7 5

♣ Q J 10 7 4

W N
S E

♠ 6

♥ K 6 4 2

♦ K 10 9 3

♣ K 8 6 5

♠ K J 7 5 4

♥ Q 3

♦ 8 4 2

♣ 9 3 2

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by North

North

2 ♥

3 ♣

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

Pass

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

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 7 6 2

♥ J 9 5

♦ Q J 8

♣ 7 5 4 2



♠ A K 8 5 3

♥ K Q 10 7 4

♦ 5

♣ A 3

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

1 ♦

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

3 ♥

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

♠ 9 4

♥ A 10 9 6 4

♦ K Q 6 5 2

♣ 8

♠ A 2

♥ K Q J 7

♦ A J

♣ K J 10 3 2



♠ K 3

♥ 5 2

♦ 10 9 8 3

♣ Q 9 7 5 4

♠ Q J 10 8 7 6 5

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 4

♣ A 6

9
19 5
7

West

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♠ by South

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

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

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ J 9 4 3

♥ J 6

♦ 10 7 6 4

♣ 9 7 6



♠ K Q 10 6 2

♥ A K Q 7 4

♦ 5

♣ A 3

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♣

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 ♠

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

♦ A K Q J 8 6

♣ J 10 4 2



♠ 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

7
12 5
16

West

1 ♦

Pass

4 ♥ by South

North

2 ♦

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

4 ♥

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

♣ —

♠ 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

$$\begin{matrix} 17 \\ 6 & 11 \\ & 6 \end{matrix}$$
*West**North**East**South*

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

West

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♣ by West

♠ Q J 7 5 3
♥ A 9 8 4 2
♦ K 5
♣ 4



♠ 10 4
♥ J 6
♦ Q 10 9 7 4 2
♣ K 6 5

North

2 ♣

Pass

East

3 ♣

♠ K 9 2
♥ 10 7 5
♦ 6 3
♣ A Q J 3 2

South

Pass

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

♠ 9 8 3

♥ J 5

♦ J 10 9 8 5

♣ 10 6 2

13
2 17
8

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by North

♠ 7

♥ 6 2

♦ A 6 4

♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3



♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ K Q 9 7 3

♦ 7

♣ J 9

North

3 ♣

East

1 ♦

Pass

South

2 ♦

Pass

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
♥ Q 8
♦ K Q 10 9 3
♣ K Q 6 4



♠ A 6
♥ K J 2
♦ A J 8 5 4
♣ J 8 3

8
12 14
6

♠ Q 8 7 4
♥ 10 6 5
♦ 7
♣ A 9 7 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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.