

**Deal 1**

West Deals

None Vul

**Deal 2**West Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>17</sup>  
 13 3  
 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

<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?

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**

West Deals

None Vul

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

**13**  
**14** **1**  
**12**

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q J 6 5  
♥ 9  
♦ A Q 10 5 3  
♣ 6 3

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

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

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

W	N	E	S

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

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

<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?

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.