

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 4 2
♥ A K Q 7 4
♦ 2
♣ A J 7

13
14 **1**
12

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♠ 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 2North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ K 10 9 3
♣ K 8 6 5

18
9 7
6

♠ 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

♠ K J 7 5 4
♥ Q 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ 9 3 2

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



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.

Deal 3
West Deals
None Vul

♠ J	♦ 5	♣ A 3	♠ A K 8 5 3
♥ A 3			♥ K Q 10 7 4
♦ A K 9 7 3 2			♦ 5
♣ K Q 9 6			♣ A 3
			♠ Q 10 9 4
			♥ 8 6 2
16			♦ 10 6 4
17 3			♣ J 10 8
4			♠ 7 6 2
			♥ J 9 5
			♦ Q J 8
			♣ 7 5 4 2
West	North	East	South
1♦	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3♥ by South			

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

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?

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 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 2

♥ K Q J 7

♦ A J

♣ K J 10 3 2

♠ Q J 10 8 7 6 5

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 4

♣ A 6



♠ 9 4

♥ A 10 9 6 4

♦ K Q 6 5 2

♣ 8

♠ K 3

♥ 5 2

♦ 10 9 8 3

♣ Q 9 7 5 4

$$\begin{matrix} 19 \\ 7 \quad 9 \\ 5 \end{matrix}$$

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by West

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

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 5East Deals
None Vul

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

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 8 12
 18

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

You have 20 points and two good 5-card Majors so you bid a Michaels 2 ♣. Partner responds 2 ♣. What do you say next?

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!