

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J
♥ K 10 3 2
♦ A 7
♣ A 8 7 6 5

7
14 3
16

♠ 8 7
♥ Q J 9 8 4
♦ K J 10 5 3
♣ 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 10 6 5 4 2
♥ 7 5
♦ 6
♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 6
♦ Q 9 8 4 2
♣ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♣	2 NT	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♦ by South

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

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

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 2	♠ K 9 8 7 4		
♥ A K 5 2	♥ Q J 10 9 6		
♦ K Q 10 9	♦ 5		
♣ J 6 2	♣ 7 4		
	♠ Q 3		
	♥ 8 3		
	♦ J 8 4 3 2		
	♣ K Q 8 3		
	♠ A J 10 6		
6 13 8 13	♥ 7 4 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ A 10 9 5		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

Pass
4♠ by South

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.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3 2
♥ K 10 7 5 3
♦ A Q 8 2
♣ 10

9
9 14
8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 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

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

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 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 4 2
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ K J 8 2

¹⁷
 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 5East Deals
None Vul

♠	—
♥	10 8 3
♦	J 9 8 7 4
♣	10 9 8 4 2

12	
1	14
13	

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

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ J 6 5 2

♦ K 6

♣ K Q 5

N	
W	E
S	

♠	8 7 4 2
♥	A K Q 7 4
♦	2
♣	A J 7

♠ A Q J 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q 10 5 3

♣ 6 3

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 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 5 4

♥ Q 3

♦ 8 4 2

♣ 9 3 2

♠ 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

West

North

East

South

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.