

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 10

♥ Q J 9 8 4

♦ K J 10 5 3

♣ J 2

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♦ 8

♣ Q 7 4

♠ K Q

♥ A K Q 8 3

♦ Q J 10 5 4

♣ 3

3
17 7
13
 ♠ 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

♠ A J 4 2

♥ 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J 8 2

West North East South

1 ♣

2 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass

4 ♦ Pass 5 ♦ Pass

Pass Pass

5 ♦ by East

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 3East 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 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 5 4

♥ Q 3

♦ 8 4 2

♣ 9 3 2

♠ A 10 9 8 3

♥ 8

♦ 7 5

♣ Q J 10 7 4

W	N	E	S
♦ 8 4 2	♠ 6	♥ K 6 4 2	♦ K 10 9 3

6
7 9
18

♠ Q 2

♥ A J 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J 6

♣ A

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

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.