

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8 4 3
♥ A 5
♦ A Q 8 6 2
♣ A

♠ T
♥ Q J 9 8 4
♦ K J T 5 3
♣ J 2



♠ 6 5 2
♥ K T 7 3 2
♦ -
♣ Q T 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 7
♥ 6
♦ 9 7 4
♣ K 8 6 5 4

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1 ♠ | 2 ♠ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3 ♦ | All Pass | |

3 ♦ by North

Baker Michaels 9

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 2NT. 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.

Board 2
West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 8 2
♥ J 5
♦ A 9 2
♣ Q 8 7 2

♠ K Q
♥ A K Q 8 3
♦ Q J T 5 4
♣ 3



♠ J 7 5 4 3
♥ T 9 6 2
♦ 8
♣ K J 4

♠ T 6
♥ 7 4
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ A T 9 6 5

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 ♣ | 2NT | Pass | 3 ♦ |
| Pass | 4 ♦ | Pass | 5 ♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

5 ♦ by South

Baker Michaels 10
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.

Board 3

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 4
 ♥ A Q 8 7 4 3
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A J 8 7

♠ A Q J 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q T 5 3

♣ 6 3



♠ 7 2

♥ K T

♦ J 9 8 4 2

♣ T 9 4 2

♠ K T 9 3

♥ J 6 5 2

♦ K 6

♣ K Q 5

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1 ♥ | 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♥ |
| Pass | 4 ♠ | All Pass | |

4 ♠ by North

Baker Michaels 11

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.

Board 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 5 4 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ A 8 2

♣ A 3

♠ 6

♥ K 6 4 2

♦ K T 9 3

♣ K 8 6 5



♠ K 7

♥ A J 9 7 5

♦ Q J 6 4

♣ 9 2

♠ A T 9 8 3

♥ 8

♦ 7 5

♣ Q J T 7 4

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

2 ♥

Pass

2NT

Pass

3 ♣

All Pass

3 ♣ by South

Baker Michaels 12

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 2NT. Partner says 3 ♣.

Partner only made a minimum bid, so you have no choice but to pass.