

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 3

♥ A 6

♦ Q 9 8 4 2

♣ K Q J

♠ K 10 6 5 4 2

♥ 7 5

♦ 6

♣ 10 9 4 3



♠ Q J

♥ K 10 3 2

♦ A 7

♣ A 8 7 6 5

♠ 8 7

♥ Q J 9 8 4

♦ K J 10 5 3

♣ 2

16

3 14

7

West

North

East

South

Pass

4 ♦

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♦ by North

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  
♥ A K 5 2  
♦ K Q 10 9  
♣ J 6 2

6  
13 8  
13

West  
1 ♦  
Pass  
Pass  
4 ♠ by South

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



♠ A J 10 6  
♥ 7 4  
♦ A 7 6  
♣ A 10 9 5

North

2 ♦  
4 ♠

East

Pass  
Pass

South

3 ♠  
Pass

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**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 8 6 5 4  
♥ A 2  
♦ 6  
♣ A Q 9 7 3

8  
14 9  
9

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♦ by North			

♠ 10

♥ Q J 9 8 4

♦ K J 10 5 3

♣ J 2



♠ K Q J 7

♥ 6

♦ 9 7 4

♣ K 8 6 5 4

♠ 9 3 2

♥ K 10 7 5 3

♦ A Q 8 2

♣ 10

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 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

17  
13 3  
7

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

5 ♦ by South

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



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

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

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 5**

West Deals

None Vul

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

13  
 14 1  
 12

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

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



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

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

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

9  
 6 18  
 7

*West*

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by South

♠ 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

*North*

2 NT

Pass

♠ Q 2

♥ A J 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J 6

♣ A

*East*

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 ♥

3 ♣

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.