

Deal 1

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 2

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ K 10 9 3
♣ K 8 6 5

18
9 7
6

West

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣ by East

♠ Q 2

♥ A J 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J 6

♣ A



♠ K J 7 5 4

♥ Q 3

♦ 8 4 2

♣ 9 3 2

North

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

3 ♣

♠ A 10 9 8 3

♥ 8

♦ 7 5

♣ Q J 10 7 4

South

Pass

Pass

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
♥ A 3
♦ A K 9 7 3 2
♣ K Q 9 6

16
17 3
4

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♥ by South			

♠ A K 8 5 3
♥ K Q 10 7 4
♦ 5
♣ A 3



♠ 7 6 2
♥ J 9 5
♦ Q J 8
♣ 7 5 4 2

♠ Q 10 9 4
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ J 10 8

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

♠ Q J 10 8 7 6 5

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 4

♣ A 6

19
7 9
5

West

3 ♠

3 ♠ by West

♠ A 2

♥ K Q J 7

♦ A J

♣ K J 10 3 2



♠ K 3

♥ 5 2

♦ 10 9 8 3

♣ Q 9 7 5 4

North

1 ♣

Pass

East

2 NT

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

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 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5

♥ 10 9 5 2

♦ A K J 9

♣ 10 5 2

2
8 12
18

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ J 9 4 3

♥ J 6

♦ 10 7 6 4

♣ 9 7 6



♠ K Q 10 6 2

♥ A K Q 7 4

♦ 5

♣ A 3

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♣

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 ♠

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!