

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 5 2**♥ K J 5 2****♦ A 10 9****♣ J 9 4****10
9 14
7****♠ K 9 3****♥ 7 4****♦ Q J 6 5****♣ A 8 3 2**

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| W | N |
| S | E |

♠ A 7**♥ Q 6****♦ K 8 7 4 2****♣ K Q 10 5****♠ Q J 8 6 4****♥ A 10 9 8 3****♦ 3****♣ 7 6***West**North**East**South*

1 ♦

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

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

A perfect Michaels example; 5-5 in the Majors and 9 points. You bid 2 ♦ and partner says 2 ♠. What do you bid next?

You have a rather minimum Michaels type hand and you asked partner to choose a Major suit. He chose ♠s. But don't start thinking about what great support you have for his ♠ suit, he doesn't HAVE a ♠ suit, he is just supporting yours. In other words, you pass.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 5**♠ 4****♥ J 2****♦ K Q 3 2****♣ A K Q 8 4 2****♠ A 10 8 6 3****♥ A 10 9 7 4****♦ 8 6****♣ 5****♠ K Q 7 2****♥ Q 6 5****♦ 9 7 4****♣ J 10 3**

8
15 8
9
♣ 9 7 6

*West North East South***1 ♣****2 ♣**

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

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

You have a fair hand with a guaranteed 8-card fit in either Major. You are not, however, strong enough to jump the bidding. So you bid **2 ♥**, which is passed out.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 9 8 3**♥ A 10 6****♦ J 6 5****♣ 4 2****♠ A 6 4 2****♥ Q 8 7 3****♦ Q 3****♣ A 9 5**

♠ Q J
♥ K J 5 4 2
♦ A 8 2
♣ 10 8 7

♠ 7 5**♥ 9****♦ K 10 9 7 4****♣ K Q J 6 3***West**North**East**South*

1 ♥

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by North

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

You have a pretty good hand for an Unusual Notrump, but not so good that you wouldn't use the convention. You bid 2 NT and partner says 3 ♣. What do you say next?

As mentioned, you have a pretty good hand, but partner only bid because you forced him to and he showed nothing more than minimum. So you pass.

Deal 4

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| West Deals | ♦ 9 6 | | |
| None Vul | ♥ 4 | | |
| | ♦ K Q J 8 4 | | |
| | ♣ K Q 10 7 5 | | |
| ♠ A Q 10 8 3 2 | ♠ K 4 | | |
| ♥ Q 6 | ♥ K 10 8 5 2 | | |
| ♦ A 10 | ♦ 7 3 2 | | |
| ♣ 9 8 4 | ♣ A 6 3 | | |
| | ♠ J 7 5 | | |
| 11 | | | |
| 12 10 | ♥ A J 9 7 3 | | |
| 7 | ♦ 9 6 5 | | |
| | ♣ J 2 | | |
| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
| 1 ♠ | 2 NT | Pass | 3 ♦ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |
| 3 ♦ by South | | | |

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

Your best suit is ♥s. But partner didn't ask you to bid ♥s, he asked you to pick a Minor. You know you will have an 8-card fit in ♦s so you take the safe approach and bid 3 ♦. Everybody passes.