

Deal 1

West Deals	♠ 7 ♥ J 10 9 8 4 ♦ 6		
None Vul	♣ K J 10 5 3 2		
♠ A Q J 10 9 2	♠ K 5 4 ♥ A Q 6 ♦ K Q 10 8 4 2 ♣ 8		
♥ —	W N E S		
♦ J 3	♠ 8 6 3 ♥ K 7 5 3 2 ♦ A 9 7 5 ♣ Q		
♣ A 9 7 6 4			
	5		
12 14			
9			
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

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

Of course you bid a Michaels Cue-Bid of 2 ♠. Partner says 4 ♥.

Partner's jump might indicate he has a really good hand, or he might just have a really good fit. You certainly don't have the strength to make another move so you pass. A good thing, too. Partner might get lucky and make this but it looks like the other guys are cold for 4 ♠. Even if partner loses 2 ♥ tricks and goes down 1 it will turn out to be a good sacrifice.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5 3 2
 ♥ 10 8 5
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ 9 6 4 3

22
 ♠ 7 4
 ♥ 6
 ♦ J 9 8 7 3
 ♣ A Q 10 8 5

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass
3 NT by South

♠ A K 10 6

♥ A K J 9

♦ K 6

♣ K J 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J 9
 ♥ Q 7 4 3 2
 ♦ A Q 4 2
 ♣ 7

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

You have no idea what you can make with this hand. Slam in one of the minors may be possible, but maybe not. You decide to try 3 NT.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J
♥ K 10 3 2
♦ A 7
♣ A 8 7 6 5

7
14 3
16

♠ 8 7
♥ Q J 9 8 4
♦ K J 10 5 3
♣ 2

N
W E
S

♠ K 10 6 5 4 2
♥ 7 5
♦ 6
♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 6
♦ Q 9 8 4 2
♣ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♣	2 NT	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♦ by South

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 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 2	♦ 5	♣ 7 4	♠ K 9 8 7 4
♥ A K 5 2			♥ Q J 10 9 6
♦ K Q 10 9			♦ 5
♣ J 6 2			♣ 7 4
			♠ Q 3
			♥ 8 3
			♦ J 8 4 3 2
			♣ K Q 8 3
			♠ A J 10 6
			♥ 7 4
			♦ A 7 6
			♣ A 10 9 5
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

Pass
4♠ by South

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.