

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 4 2
♥ A K Q 7 4
♦ 2
♣ A J 7

13
14 **1**
12

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q J 6 5
♥ 9
♦ A Q 10 5 3
♣ 6 3

♠ —
♥ 10 8 3
♦ J 9 8 7 4
♣ 10 9 8 4 2

♠ K 10 9 3
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ K 6
♣ K Q 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♠ by North

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 5 4
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ 8 4 2
 ♣ 9 3 2

9
6 18
7

♠ 6
 ♥ K 6 4 2
 ♦ K 10 9 3
 ♣ K 8 6 5

♠ Q 2
 ♥ A J 10 9 7 5
 ♦ A Q J 6
 ♣ A

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 NT	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 ♣
3 ♣ by South			

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 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10 9 4
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ 10 6 4
 ♣ J 10 8

4
 3 17
 16

♠ 7 6 2
 ♥ J 9 5
 ♦ Q J 8
 ♣ 7 5 4 2

N
 W E
 S

♠ J
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ A K 9 7 3 2
 ♣ K Q 9 6

♠ A K 8 5 3
 ♥ K Q 10 7 4
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♥ by North			

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 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 2
 ♥ K Q J 7
 ♦ A J
 ♣ K J 10 3 2

9
 19 5
 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 3
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 3
 ♣ Q 9 7 5 4

♠ Q J 10 8 7 6 5

8 3
 7 4
 ♣ A 6

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 5East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5
 ♥ 10 9 5 2
 ♦ A K J 9
 ♣ 10 5 2

²
 8 12
 18

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

♠ J 9 4 3
 ♥ J 6
 ♦ 10 7 6 4
 ♣ 9 7 6

	♠ A 7	♥ 8 3
	♦ Q 8 3 2	♣ K Q J 8 4

♠ K Q 10 6 2
 ♥ A K Q 7 4
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A 3

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!