

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4

♥ A Q 8 7 4 3

♦ 7

♣ A J 8 7

♠ A Q J 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q T 5 3

♣ 6 3



♠ 7 2

♥ K T

♦ J 9 8 4 2

♣ T 9 4 2

♠ K T 9 3

♥ J 6 5 2

♦ K 6

♣ K Q 5

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4 ♠ by North

Baker Michaels 11

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.

Board 2North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 6
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ K T 9 3
♣ K 8 6 5

♠ K 7

♥ A J 9 7 5
♦ Q J 6 4

♣ 9 2

	N	
W		E
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♠ A T 9 8 3
♥ 8
♦ 7 5
♣ Q J T 7 4

♠ Q J 5 4 2
♥ Q T 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
2NT	1♥	2♥	Pass
	Pass	3♣	All Pass

3♣ by East

Baker Michaels 12

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 2NT. Partner says 3♣.

Partner only made a minimum bid, so you have no choice but to pass.

Board 3

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ Q T

♥ 8 6

♦ A K 9 7 6 3

♣ K T 8

♠ A K 8 5 3

♥ K Q T 7 4

♦ 5

♣ A 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 9 4

♥ A 3 2

♦ T 4 2

♣ Q J 9 6

♠ 7 6 2

♥ J 9 5

♦ Q J 8

♣ 7 5 4 2

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

3♥ by North

Baker Michaels 13

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.

Board 4

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J T 8 7 6 5

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 4

♣ A 6

♠ A K

♥ J 7 2

♦ J 9 3

♣ K J 9 4 2

	N	
	W	E
	S	

♠ 9 4

♥ A T 9 6 4

♦ K Q 6 5 2

♣ 8

♠ 3 2

♥ K Q 5

♦ A T 8

♣ Q T 7 5 3

West	North	East	South
	1♣	2NT	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

3 ♠ by West

Baker Michaels 14

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.

Board 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7
♥ T 9 2
♦ A Q J 9 8
♣ J T 2

♠ J 9 4 3

♥ J 6

♦ T 7 6 4

♣ 9 7 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 5
♥ 8 5 3
♦ K 3 2
♣ K Q 8 5 4

♠ K Q T 6 2
♥ A K Q 7 4
♦ 5
♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
		1♣	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Michaels 15

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!