

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠	—
♥	10 8 3
♦	J 9 8 7 4
♣	10 9 8 4 2

12	
1	14
13	

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

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ J 6 5 2

♦ K 6

♣ K Q 5

N	
W	E
S	

♠	8 7 4 2
♥	A K Q 7 4
♦	2
♣	A J 7

♠ A Q J 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q 10 5 3

♣ 6 3

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 3
West Deals
None Vul

♠ J	♦ 5	♣ A 3	♠ A K 8 5 3
♥ A 3			♥ K Q 10 7 4
♦ A K 9 7 3 2			♦ 5
♣ K Q 9 6			♣ A 3
			♠ Q 10 9 4
			♥ 8 6 2
16			♦ 10 6 4
17 3			♣ J 10 8
4			♠ 7 6 2
			♥ J 9 5
			♦ Q J 8
			♣ 7 5 4 2
West	North	East	South
1 ♦	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♥ by South			

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 5

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7
♥ 8 3
♦ Q 8 3 2
♣ K Q J 8 4

18
12 8
2

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

♠ K Q 10 6 2

♥ A K Q 7 4

♦ 5

♣ A 3

W N
S E

♠ 8 5
♥ 10 9 5 2
♦ A K J 9
♣ 10 5 2

♠ J 9 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ 10 7 6 4
♣ 9 7 6

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!