

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ —
♥ 10 8 3
♦ J 9 8 7 4
♣ 10 9 8 4 2

12
1 14
13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K 10 9 3
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ K 6
♣ K Q 5



♠ A Q J 6 5
♥ 9
♦ A Q 10 5 3
♣ 6 3

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

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

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by South

♠ 6

♥ K 6 4 2

♦ K 10 9 3

♣ K 8 6 5



♠ A 10 9 8 3

♥ 8

♦ 7 5

♣ Q J 10 7 4

North

2 NT

Pass

♠ Q 2

♥ A J 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J 6

♣ A

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

3 ♣

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

♠ A K 8 5 3
♥ K Q 10 7 4
♦ 5
♣ A 3

♠ J
♥ A 3
♦ A K 9 7 3 2
♣ K Q 9 6



♠ Q 10 9 4
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ J 10 8

16
17 3
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 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 2
♥ K Q J 7
♦ A J
♣ K J 10 3 2

9
19 5
7

West

1 ♣

Pass

3 ♠ by South

♠ 9 4

♥ A 10 9 6 4

♦ K Q 6 5 2

♣ 8



♠ Q J 10 8 7 6 5

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 4

♣ A 6

North

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

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

West	North	East	South
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



♠ J 9 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ 10 7 6 4
♣ 9 7 6

♠ 8 5
♥ 10 9 5 2
♦ A K J 9
♣ 10 5 2

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!