

**Deal 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9	♠ 7 4
♥ Q 7 4 3 2	♥ 6
♦ A Q 4 2	♦ J 9 8 7 3
♣ 7	♣ A Q 10 8 5

11	7
22	o

W	N
S	E

♠ 8 5 3 2
♥ 10 8 5
♦ 10 5
♣ 9 6 4 3

♠ A K 10 6
♥ A K J 9
♦ K 6
♣ K J 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 NT by North			

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 2**

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 3**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 3  
♥ 8 3  
♦ J 8 4 3 2  
♣ K Q 8 3

<sup>13</sup>  
8    <sup>13</sup>  
6

West  
Pass  
Pass  
4 ♠ by North

♠ A J 10 6

♥ 7 4  
♦ A 7 6

♣ A 10 9 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 5 2  
♥ A K 5 2  
♦ K Q 10 9  
♣ J 6 2

♠ K 9 8 7 4  
♥ Q J 10 9 6  
♦ 5

♣ 7 4

North      East      South  
3 ♠      1 ♦      2 ♦  
Pass      Pass      4 ♠

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.

**Deal 4**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3 2  
♥ K 10 7 5 3  
♦ A Q 8 2  
♣ 10

9  
9 14  
8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 7  
♥ 6  
♦ 9 7 4  
♣ K 8 6 5 4

♠ A 8 6 5 4  
♥ A 2  
♦ 6  
♣ A Q 9 7 3

♠ 10  
♥ Q J 9 8 4  
♦ K J 10 5 3  
♣ J 2

<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?

With 5 cards in the "other" Major and a 5-card Minor you bid 2 ♠, Michaels of course. Partner bids 2 NT. What do you say next?

Is it possible that partner wants to play Notrump? Not at all. He hates ♥s and wants you to bid your Minor suit. So you say 3 ♦ and he passes.

**Deal 5**East Deals  
None Vul

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

7  
 3 13  
 17

♠ 10 6

♥ 7 4  
 ♦ K 7 6 3

♣ A 10 9 6 5



♠ A J 4 2

♥ 5 2  
 ♦ A 9 2

♣ K J 8 2

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

West      North      East      South

Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	Pass

Pass

5 ♦ by North

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

Partner asked you to choose between ♥s and ♦s so you bid 3 ♦. He then raises you to 4 ♦. What do you bid?

If you say to yourself "I only have 7 HCP" then you might pass. But if you say "Partner invited me to bid game, even though I might have no points and only 3 trumps. I'm a lot better than that.", then you will accept the invitation. So you bid 5 ♦ and everybody passes.