

**Deal 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 4 2  
 ♥ A K Q 7 4  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ A J 7

13  
 14 1  
 12

West

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A Q J 6 5  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ A Q 10 5 3  
 ♣ 6 3



♠ K 10 9 3  
 ♥ J 6 5 2  
 ♦ K 6  
 ♣ K Q 5

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

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**

East Deals

None Vul

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

4  
 3 17  
 16

West

North

East

South

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 7 6 2

♥ J 9 5

♦ Q J 8

♣ 7 5 4 2



♠ 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

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**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5

♥ 10 9 5 2

♦ A K J 9

♣ 10 5 2

2  
8 12  
18

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ J 9 4 3

♥ J 6

♦ 10 7 6 4

♣ 9 7 6



♠ K Q 10 6 2

♥ A K Q 7 4

♦ 5

♣ A 3

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

1 ♣

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♣

4 ♠

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!