

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8 4 3
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ A Q 8 6 2
 ♣ A

♠ T

♥ Q J 9 8 4
 ♦ K J T 5 3

♣ J 2

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 6 5 2
 ♥ K T 7 3 2
 ♦ -
 ♣ Q T 9 7 3

♠ K Q J 7
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 9 7 4
 ♣ K 8 6 5 4

| West | North | East | South |
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| 1♠ | 2♠ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♦ | All Pass | |

3♦ by North

Baker Michaels 9

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 2NT. 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.

Board 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8 2

♥ J 5

♦ A 9 2

♣ Q 8 7 2

♠ K Q

♥ A K Q 8 3

♦ Q J T 5 4

♣ 3

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| S | | |

♠ J 7 5 4 3

♥ T 9 6 2

♦ 8

♣ K J 4

♠ T 6

♥ 7 4

♦ K 7 6 3

♣ A T 9 6 5

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| 1♣ | 2NT | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 5♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

5♦ by South

Baker Michaels 10

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.

Board 3

West Deals

E-W 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



♠ 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 4

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ Q J 5 4 2

♥ Q T 3

♦ A 8 2

♣ A 3

♠ 6

♥ K 6 4 2

♦ K T 9 3

♣ K 8 6 5



♠ A T 9 8 3

♥ 8

♦ 7 5

♣ Q J T 7 4

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

3♣ by South

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.