

Deal 1
West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 8 5 3
♥ K Q 10 7 4
♦ 5
♣ A 3

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

N
W E
S

16
17 3
4
♣ 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 2West 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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♣	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♠ by South

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 3West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7
♥ 8 3
♦ Q 8 3 2
♣ K Q J 8 4

18
12 8
2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 10 6 2
♥ A K Q 7 4
♦ 5
♣ A 3

♠ 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

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

Pass
4♠ by South

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!

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

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

7	♦ 7 4 2
12 5	♣ A K 6 5
16	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♦	2 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

N		E
W		S
♠ K 9 8 5 2	♦ A 9 4 3 2	♥ 10 5
♣ 9		
♠ Q 10 7 4 3	♦ J 6	♥ 9 3
♣ Q 8 7 3		

♠ A 6
♦ K Q 10 8
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A K 6 5

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

Partner has 5 of each Major suit so you know of a good 9-card ♥ fit. You have a nice hand and must decide between inviting with 3 ♥ or bidding the game on your own. You decide to bid the game so you say 4 ♥ and everybody passes.