

**Deal 1**  
East Deals  
None Vul

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

<b>16</b> <b>3    14</b> <b>7</b>	<b>♠ 8 7</b> <b>♥ Q J 9 8 4</b> <b>♦ K J 10 5 3</b> <b>♣ 2</b>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♣	2 NT
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Pass  
4 ♦ by North

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 2**

South Deals

None Vul

**Deal 3**

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 4**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 6  
♥ 7 4  
♦ K 7 6 3  
♣ A 10 9 6 5

**13**  
7    17  
3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
5 ♦ by West			

♠ A J 4 2

♥ 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J 8 2

W	N
S	E

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

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

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.

**Deal 5**

West Deals

None Vul

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

**13**  
**14** **1**  
**12**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ —  
♥ 10 8 3  
♦ J 9 8 7 4  
♣ 10 9 8 4 2

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

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

4 ♠ by North

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 6**North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6  
♥ K 6 4 2  
♦ K 10 9 3  
♣ K 8 6 5

**18**  
9 7  
6

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

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

♠ K J 7 5 4  
♥ Q 3  
♦ 8 4 2  
♣ 9 3 2

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



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.