

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 3

♥ A 6

♦ Q 9 8 4 2

♣ K Q J

♠ K 10 6 5 4 2

♥ 7 5

♦ 6

♣ 10 9 4 3



♠ Q J

♥ K 10 3 2

♦ A 7

♣ A 8 7 6 5

♠ 8 7

♥ Q J 9 8 4

♦ K J 10 5 3

♣ 2

16

3 14

7

West

North

East

South

Pass

4 ♦

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

♠ K 9 8 7 4
 ♥ Q J 10 9 6
 ♦ 5
 ♣ 7 4

8
 6 13
 13

♠ Q 3

♥ 8 3

♦ J 8 4 3 2

♣ K Q 8 3



♠ 5 2

♥ A K 5 2

♦ K Q 10 9

♣ J 6 2

♠ A J 10 6

♥ 7 4

♦ A 7 6

♣ A 10 9 5

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♦

Pass

3 ♠

1 ♦

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by East

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 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 3 2

♥ K 10 7 5 3

♦ A Q 8 2

♣ 10

9
9 14
8

♠ 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

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 NT

1 ♠

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

West

3 ♦

5 ♦

5 ♦ by West

♠ A J 4 2

♥ 5 2

♦ A 9 2

♣ K J 8 2



♠ 9 8 7 5 3

♥ J 10 9 6

♦ 8

♣ Q 7 4

North

1 ♣

Pass

Pass

East

2 NT

4 ♦

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

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 6

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ K 10 9 3
♣ K 8 6 5

18
9 7
6

West

2 NT

Pass

3 ♣ by East

♠ Q 2

♥ A J 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J 6

♣ A



♠ K J 7 5 4

♥ Q 3

♦ 8 4 2

♣ 9 3 2

North

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

3 ♣

♠ A 10 9 8 3

♥ 8

♦ 7 5

♣ Q J 10 7 4

South

Pass

Pass

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.