

Board 1

West Deals

None 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



♠ 7 2
♥ K T
♦ J 9 8 4 2
♣ T 9 4 2

♠ 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 2

East Deals

N-S 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



♠ K 7

♥ A J 9 7 5

♦ Q J 6 4

♣ 9 2

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.

Board 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 9 4
♥ A 3 2
♦ T 4 2
♣ Q J 9 6

♠ 7 6 2

♥ J 9 5

♦ Q J 8

♣ 7 5 4 2

	N	
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♠ Q T

♥ 8 6

♦ A K 9 7 6 3
♣ K T 8

♠ A K 8 5 3
♥ K Q T 7 4
♦ 5
♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
		1♦	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

3♥ by South

Baker Michaels 13

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.

Board 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K

♥ J 7 2

♦ J 9 3

♣ K J 9 4 2

♠ 9 4

♥ A T 9 6 4

♦ K Q 6 5 2

♣ 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3 2

♥ K Q 5

♦ A T 8

♣ Q T 7 5 3

♠ Q J T 8 7 6 5

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 4

♣ A 6

West	North	East	South
1♣	2NT	Pass	3♠

All Pass

3 ♠ by South

Baker Michaels 14

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.

Board 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7
♥ T 9 2
♦ A Q J 9 8
♣ J T 2

♠ J 9 4 3

♥ J 6

♦ T 7 6 4

♣ 9 7 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 5
♥ 8 5 3
♦ K 3 2
♣ K Q 8 5 4

♠ K Q T 6 2
♥ A K Q 7 4
♦ 5
♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
		1♣	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4 ♠ by South

Baker Michaels 15

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!