

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J
♥ K 10 3 2
♦ A 7
♣ A 8 7 6 5

7
14 3
16

West
1 ♣
Pass
4 ♦ by South

♠ 8 7
♥ Q J 9 8 4
♦ K J 10 5 3
♣ 2



♠ A 9 3
♥ A 6
♦ Q 9 8 4 2
♣ K Q J

North
2 NT
Pass

East
Pass
Pass

South
4 ♦

♠ K 10 6 5 4 2
♥ 7 5
♦ 6
♣ 10 9 4 3

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

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ A K 5 2
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ J 6 2

6
13 8
13

West
1 ♦
Pass
Pass
4 ♠ by South

♠ K 9 8 7 4
♥ Q J 10 9 6
♦ 5
♣ 7 4



♠ A J 10 6
♥ 7 4
♦ A 7 6
♣ A 10 9 5

North

2 ♦
4 ♠

East

Pass
Pass

South

3 ♠
Pass

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

N
W E
S

♠ 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

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 4 2
♥ 5 2
♦ A 9 2
♣ K J 8 2

17
13 3
7

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	2 NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	
5 ♦ by South			

♠ K Q
♥ A K Q 8 3
♦ Q J 10 5 4
♣ 3



♠ 10 6
♥ 7 4
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ A 10 9 6 5

♠ 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

East Deals

None Vul

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

12
 1 14
 13

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K 10 9 3

♥ J 6 5 2

♦ K 6

♣ K Q 5



♠ A Q J 6 5

♥ 9

♦ A Q 10 5 3

♣ 6 3

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♠

4 ♠

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 7 5 4
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ 8 4 2
 ♣ 9 3 2

9
 6 18
 7

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♣ by South

♠ 6

♥ K 6 4 2

♦ K 10 9 3

♣ K 8 6 5



♠ A 10 9 8 3

♥ 8

♦ 7 5

♣ Q J 10 7 4

North

2 NT

Pass

♠ Q 2

♥ A J 10 9 7 5

♦ A Q J 6

♣ A

East

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

3 ♣

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.