



Michaels cue bids

When the second seat player cue bids a major opening, this shows::

1) Minimum strength of ten or so points with no top limit, 2) Two strong five-card suits

- which are the other major
- and the clubs

Be careful! The HCP must be concentrated in those two suits.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♠
2 ♠			

2 ♠	A ♥	K ♥	J ♥	9 ♥	8 ♥	A ♣	K ♣	J ♣	10 ♣	9 ♣	A ♦	5 ♦
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[Problème E3953](#)

2 spades A Michael which is both descriptive and forcing.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♥
2 ♥			

K ♠	10 ♠	7 ♠	6 ♠	2 ♠	6 ♥	A ♣	K ♣	Q ♣	10 ♣	4 ♣	8 ♦	7 ♦
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[Problème E4142](#)

2 hearts A Michael cue bid for the other major and the clubs. How strong? The minimum varies according to vulnerability and the quality of the two suits.



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After a major opening at the one level, if the second-seat player bids 3 clubs, this shows:

1) Minimum strength of ten or so points with no top limit, 2) Two strong five-card suits which are

- the other major
- and the diamonds

Be careful! The HCP must be concentrated in those two suits.

S	W	N	E
			1♥
3♣			

A♠	10♠	7♠	5♠	3♠	6♥	7♣	6♣	A♦	K♦	Q♦	J♦	9♦
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Problem E34146 3 clubs A Michael for spades and diamonds. The spades are a little on the weak side but the diamonds are magnificent!

S	W	N	E
			1♠
3♣			

3♠	Q♥	J♥	9♥	8♥	3♥	A♦	Q♦	J♦	9♦	7♦	4♦	2♦
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Problem E3947 3 clubs Michael for the diamonds and hearts. It doesn't matter at all that there are seven diamonds!



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The 2 NT overall after a one-level opening.

The jump to 2NT by the second-seat player can be used after both a major or a minor opening. It shows: 1) Minimum strength of ten or so points with no top limit. 2) Two strong five-card suits which are the lowest ranking outside the opening suit (which means never spades!)

Be careful! The HCP must be concentrated in those two suits.

S	W	N	E
			1♣
2 NT			

3♠	K♥	J♥	10♥	8♥	4♥	5♣	2♣	A♦	Q♦	10♦	9♦	3♦
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Problem E3790 2 NT with jump is for the two remaining lowest-ranking suits. This means never spades nor the opponents' suit.



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The 2 diamond overcall after a minor opening

The 2 diamond overcall by the second-seat player after a 1 club or a 1 diamond opening shows: 1) Minimum strength of ten or so points with no top limit, 2) Two strong five-card majors.

Be careful! The HCP must be concentrated in those two suits.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♣
2 ♦			

Q ♠	10 ♠	8 ♠	4 ♠	3 ♠	A ♥	Q ♥	10 ♥	6 ♥	4 ♥	8 ♦	6 ♦	5 ♦
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Problem E4401 2 ♦ Your Partner can choose his best major. How many HCP for a Michael? This varies according to the vulnerability. The real test is the quality of the two suits, hearts and spades.