



## Two-suiter overcalls

**The two-suiter overcalls after an opening of 1 of a suit are the famous Michaels.**

A two-suiter overcall guarantees:

- two strong suits of at least 5 cards,
- about 10HCP, (sometimes less.....with no top limit),
- the high cards in these 2 suits.
- You should pay more attention to the quality of the suits and to the vulnerability than to the number of points !

S	W	N	E
			1 ♦
1 ♥			



Problem E5390 1 ♥ No Michael with 2 suits 5-4!



S	W	N	E
			1 ♣
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	3 ♣
3 ♠			



Problem E5391 2 ♦ A Michael doesn't always need 10HCP. Here it's the absolute minimum!



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### The various two-suiter overcalls:

- 2NT shows 5-5 in the two lowest ranked suits (after all one level openings)
- 2 diamonds after a one level minor opening shows the 2 major suits 5-5
- a cue bid after a one level major opening shows the other major and the clubs 5-5
- 3 clubs after a one level major opening shows the other major and the diamonds 5-5

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 2NT with jump = the 2 lowest ranked suits of the remaining 3. This means never spades, never the opponents' suit.

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 ♦ It's up to the Partner to decide which major he likes best. How many HCP for a Michael? It varies according to the vulnerability. How to decide? The main criteria are the respective strengths of hearts and spades.



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### The cue bid of the opener's major shows:

About 10HCP  
Two strong 5-card suits

- the other major
- and clubs.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♠
2 ♠			



Problem E3953 2 ♠ A great Michael both descriptive and forcing. There's no upper limit to a Michael. Don't double with a 2-suiter.



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### 3 clubs after a major opening at level one promises:

about 10HCP,  
2 strong five-card suits:

- the other major
- and diamonds

S	W	N	E
			1♥
3♣			

  

J♠	6♠	5♠	3♠	2♠	8♥	9♣	A♦	K♦	Q♦	10♦	8♦	2♦
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Problem E4147 3♣ Michaels Precision - CA-♠. ♠ are weak, but the 6♦ are fantastic. With a 2-suiter 6-5 feel free to intervene with a Michaels. You don't need to be as careful as with a 5-5.