Michaels Two – Suiters

Key Idea

- A way to show a two-suited hand
- (5(+) 5(+)) after an opponent has opened, by bidding opener's suit.
- This is a conventional bid & needs to be alerted.

Requirements for Using 'Michaels'

- 2 five+ card suits
- Good suits, 2+ of the top five honours in both A, K, Q, J, 10 (Q, J, 9 xx Minimum)
- 6+ HCP points in the 2 suits (taking vulnerability into account)

The Michaels cue bid is an unlimited bid, but more often used with a weakish hand

- The cue-bidder may take further action after hearing his partner's response
- Partner should jump the bidding with a good fit, at least 4 cards, and may stretch his bid to obstruct the opponents a sacrifice bid, <u>taking vulnerability into account</u>

Bid 2D over an opening bid of 1D
♦ JT872
♥ KQ965
♦ 4
♣ A3
10 HCP

Bid 2S over an opening bid of 1S	Bid 2H over an opening bid of 1H
▲ 4	▲ AK963
♥ QJ873	♥ -
◆ AKT52	♦ 765
♣ 96	♣ QT842
10 HCP	9 НСР

Advancers Options

If the cue bidder shows a major & a minor

e.g. 1H/S, (2H/S)

- bid the major with a fit
- jump with a good fit

With no major fit:

• 3C = to be passed or corrected

If the cue bidder shows both majors

- e.g. 1C/D, (2C/D)
- bid the longer major
- jump with a good fit

Defence to Michaels overcall

If the bidding has been 1H: (2H) = spades & an unspecified minor

- 3H = equivalent to a sound raise to the two-level
- 3C/D = new suit, natural & forcing
- 2NT = natural, stopper(s) in their major, 10-12 HCP, not forcing
- Double = 10+ HCP, looking for penalties, strong holding

in opponent's major & no support for partner's suit

If the bidding has been 1C: (2C) = both majors

- 3C = equivalent to a sound raise to the two-level
- 4C or 5C = pre-emptive
- 2NT = natural with stoppers in both majors, 10-12, not forcing
- Double = 10+ HCP, looking for penalties, strong holding
 - in opponent's majors & no support for partner's suit

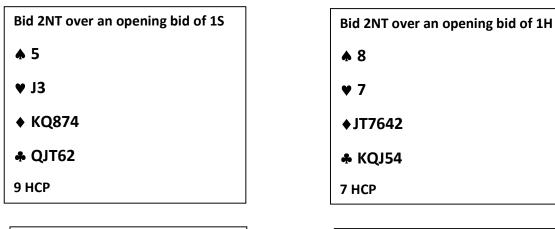
The Unusual No Trump

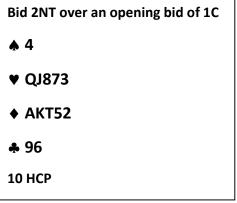
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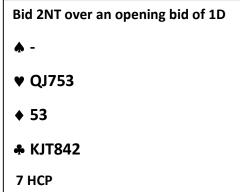
- A way to show 5(+) 5(+) in the <u>two lowest unbid suits</u> after an opponent has opened the bidding, by jumping to 2NT. This is a conventional bid & needs to be alerted.
- Often the bidder is hoping to find a profitable sacrifice contract particularly when non vulnerable against vulnerable.
- To be regarded as a form of take out bid based on shape rather than HCP

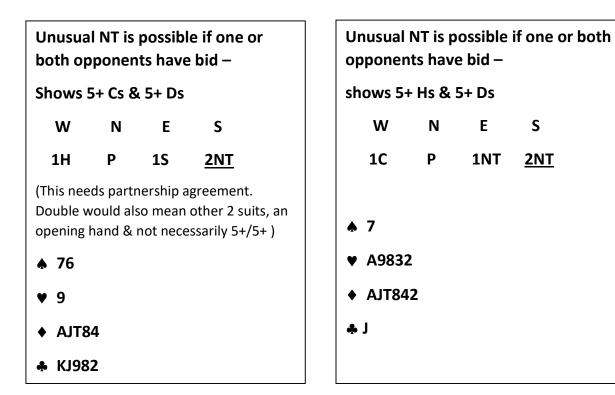
Requirements for using 'The Unusual No Trump'

- 2 five+ card suits
- Good suits, 2+ of the top five honours in both A, K, Q, J, 10 (Q, J, 9xx Minimum)
- 6+ HCP points in the 2 suits (taking vulnerability into account)









After Partner uses Unusual No Trump

- With a weak hand, bid the longer of partner's two suits if the length is equal, bid the cheaper. This allows the 2NT bidder to make a forcing bid by bidding again.
- Do not pass unless you have 0-2 cards in each of partner's suits, plus length & stoppers in the other two suits
- With a great fit in one of partner's suits, pre-empt with a jump bid this is non forcing <u>Check vulnerability</u>

Defence to UNT

- Bidding 3 of partner's suit is equivalent to a sound raise to the two-level
- Double for penalties with 10+pts and no fit for partner your side has the majority of points
- 3 of one of the oppositions suits is showing a stopper & asking partner to bid 3NT with a suitable hand
- 3NT is to play. It shows a suitable hand strong enough and stoppers in both of the opposition's suits