# 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.

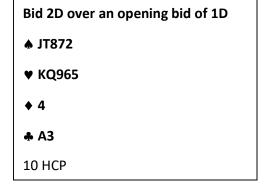
## Requirements for Using 'Michaels'

- 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, taking vulnerability into account

Bid 2C over an opening bid of 1C
♠ JT952
<b>♥</b> AJT86
♦ 94
<b>4</b> 3
6 НСР



Bid 2H over an opening bid of 1H

AK963

▼ 
↑ 765

AQT842

9 HCP

## **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**

## **Key Idea**

- 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)

Bid 2NT over an opening bid of 1S

♣ 5

♥ J3

♠ KQ874

♣ QJT62

9 HCP

Bid 2NT over an opening bid of 1C

♣ 4

♥ QJ873

◆ AKT52

♣ 96

10 HCP

Bid 2NT over an opening bid of 1H

♣ 8

♥ 7

♦ JT7642

♣ KQJ54
7 HCP

Bid 2NT over an opening bid of 1D

♣ 
♥ QJ753

♦ 53

♣ KJT842

7 HCP

Unusual NT is possible if one or both opponents have bid –

Shows 5+ Cs & 5+ Ds

W N E S 1H P 1S 2NT

(This needs partnership agreement. Double would also mean other 2 suits, an opening hand & not necessarily 5+/5+)

- **★** 76
- **¥** 9
- **♦** AJT84
- ♣ KJ982

Unusual NT is possible if one or both opponents have bid –

shows 5+ Hs & 5+ Ds

W N E S

1C P 1NT 2NT

- **A**
- ♥ A9832
- **♦** AJT842
- ♣ J

## **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