

Special Overcalls

There are two specialised overcalls with which you should be acquainted

The Michaels' Cue bid

The **Michaels Cue bid** is a **conventional** bid usually used to show a two-suited hand with at least five cards in each major and eight or more points. After the opponents have opened at the one-level, the overcaller bids the same suit at the two-level showing either:

- Both majors when the opponents have opened a minor. For example, 1♣ – 2♣ shows a hand such as ♠ KQ964 ♥ KQ872 ♦ 52 ♣ 7
- The other major and a minor suit when the opponents have opened a major. For example, 1♠ – 2♠ shows hearts and either clubs or diamonds. The advancer makes a 2NT response to request the overcaller to bid their minor suit

Examples of a Michael's Cue Bid

♠ 9	♠ AK8432	♠ A10974	♠ AQ432
♥ A10854	♥ -	♥ K10963	♥ 6
♦ AK1062	♦ K10974	♦ 3	♦ 76
♣ 94	♣ 76	♣ A7	♣ AQJ108
1♠ 2♠	1♥ 2♥	1♣ 2♣	1♥ 2♥

Unusual No Trump

The **Unusual No Trump** is a **conventional** bid usually used to show a two-suited hand with at least five cards in each minor and eight or more points. After the opponents have opened at the one level, the overcaller bids 2 NT showing either:

- Both minor suits when the opponents had opened a major. For example, 1♠ – 2NT shows a hand such as ♠ 4 ♥ 76 ♦ AQ952 ♣ KJ1054
- At least 5-5 in the two lowest ranked unbid suits if the opponents had opened a minor

Examples of the Unusual No trump

♠ 9	♠ A	♠ 98	♠ 32
♥ 64	♥ KJ986	♥ KJ964	♥ 6
♦ AK762	♦ 32	♦ KQ865	♦ AJ1042
♣ AQ984	♣ QJ1085	♣ 10	♣ KQ1075
1♠ 2NT	1♦ 2NT	1♣ 2NT	1♥ 2NT

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This is Baron Munchausen's hand.

He worked out that the opener had 12 spades and the A♣ for his opening bid of 7♠ and, provided there wasn't a club lead, he would make all 13 tricks since Dummy has 7 Hearts and 6 Diamonds and Declarer can jettison the spade and three clubs on Dummy's little cards!

Did you choose to lead a club?

