

These are the options: **OVER MICHAELS BID**

- 3♣** Shows invitational values (or better) in Hearts ... at least 3-card support.
Note that we are bidding the lower minor for the lower major, and that the lower minor just happens to be Partner's suit.
- 3♦** Invitational values (or better) in Spades ... as, in this case, the higher suit is the unbid major, we should be showing a 6-card suit (a really good 5 might be acceptable).
- 3♥** Competing in Hearts ... 3+ Hearts, less than invitational values, something in the 6-9 range, or thereabouts.
- 3♠** Competing in Spades ... same sort of hand strength as for 3♥, with 6-card Spade suit.
- Dbl** Shows values, invites Partner's cooperation in competing or doubling their minor suit contract ... creates a force, such that either we will play the hand, or they will play the hand doubled.
- Pass** This could just be a crummy hand, of course ... another possibility is a hand which intends to double at least one of their minors, but which does not want to encourage Partner to compete. Passing 2NT, and then doubling them in one of their suits, is very much for penalty.

For examples of the Unusual No Trump from actual play, please [follow this link to the Archives](#)

© BES, Inc
All Rights Reserved

[Home](#) [PlayArchives](#) [BiddingArchives](#) [Conventions](#)