

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 10 6
♥ A Q 3 2
♦ K 10
♣ A 10 5

14
17 4
5

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ A 3
♥ J 6 5
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ K 8 6 3



♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ 7 5
♣ 4 2

North

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

You would have opened 1 ♦ but after West opens 1 NT you must pass.

Partner bids 2 ♥ in the balancing seat.

The 2 ♥ bid shows ♥s and ♠s.

You like ♥s better and don't have enough strength to think about game so you pass.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 2
♥ K 7 6
♦ 7 4 3 2
♣ K J 10 6 4

10
7 15
8

West

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ 10 6 4
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ A J 8
♣ A 7 5



♠ K Q J 9 7 5
♥ 5 2
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 8 3

North

Pass

♠ A 8 3
♥ A Q 9 4
♦ K 10 6
♣ Q 9 2

East

1 NT

Pass

South

2 ♠

You have a good 6-card suit but only 8 HCP. This is bare minimum for a DONT bid. The fact that your suit is ♠s should sway you toward bidding.

But with the weak hand you bid 2 ♠ instead of double. Everybody passes.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ Q J 9 6
 ♣ A 10 7

4
 16 4
 16

West

Pass
 1 NT by South

♠ 9 7 4 2
 ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ 8 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 2



♠ K Q
 ♥ 8 6 4 3
 ♦ A K 10
 ♣ K J 9 8

North

Pass

East

Pass

♠ 8 6 5 3
 ♥ Q 9 2
 ♦ 7 5 4
 ♣ Q 6 3

South
 1 NT

With 16 points and a balanced hand you were planning on opening 1 NT yourself.

But one of the consequences of playing DONT is that you have no bid to describe this hand. You cannot double because then partner would just bid 2 ♣ as a relay and you wouldn't know where to go.

So you pass.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 5
♥ J 4
♦ A 10 7 5 3
♣ A Q 6

13
15 7
5

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ J 6 4
♥ A 10 8 6 5
♦ K Q 9
♣ K 4



♠ K Q 10 9 3 2
♥ 9
♦ 8 6 4
♣ 9 7 5

North

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

Would you really bid over 1 NT with only 5 HCP? In the balancing seat you should. Partner is marked with a pretty good hand, and you have a 6-card Major suit.

You do bid just 2 ♠ though, rather than a double followed by 2 ♠, which would show a stronger hand. Everybody passes.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 9 7 4 3

♣ J 10 6

5
5 16
14

♠ Q 10 7 4 2

♥ K 10 9 7 4

♦ 5

♣ 4 2

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♠ J 9 3

♥ A 6 5

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ K 8 3

♠ A K 6

♥ Q J 3

♦ 10 2

♣ A Q 9 7 5

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♥

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠

2 ♠ by South

You would have opened 1 ♦ but after East opens 1 NT you must pass.

Partner bids 2 ♥ in the balancing seat.

The 2 ♥ bid shows ♥s and ♠s.

You have absolutely no preference between the two suits. But you do have a preference as to where the opening lead will be coming from - you'd like West to have to lead through East's strength. Besides you feel like playing the last hand so you say 2 ♠ and everybody passes.