

**Deal 1**

West Deals

None Vul

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♥ A 9 5	♦ 8 2
♦ A K 3	♦ 10 9 6
♣ Q 10 7	♣ A K J 9 8 3

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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Dbl	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♥ by South			

You only have 8 HCP but with such a good 6-card suit you should interfere with a DONT bid. You double and partner surprises you by saying 2 ♥.

There is a reason partner didn't say 2 ♣ (which you were going to pass). And the reason is that he figures you will be better off in his ♥s. Since you trust your partner you pass.

**Deal 2**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 9 4 2  
 ♥ 9 3  
 ♦ 8 3 2  
 ♣ 10 5 4 2

8  
 4 15  
 13

♠ 7  
 ♥ Q J 8 2  
 ♦ K Q 10 7 4  
 ♣ 9 7 3

♠ 10 6 5  
 ♥ K 5  
 ♦ A J 9 5  
 ♣ A Q J 6

♠ K Q J 8 3  
 ♥ A 10 7 6 4  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ K 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

Since partner has entered the bidding in the immediate seat he should have a pretty good hand, with 9+ cards in ♥s and ♠s.

Usually you are happy to settle for partscore after a DONT sequence, but with such an excellent fit for ♥s your hand is worth a raise.

So you bid 3 ♥ and partner says 4 ♥.

**Deal 3**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 5 4  
 ♥ A Q 8 5  
 ♦ K 4 2  
 ♣ A Q 3

**13**  
**17** 3  
 7

♠ K J 9 6  
 ♥ K 9 7 3  
 ♦ A Q 6 5  
 ♣ 8

W N  
S E

♠ 8 7  
 ♥ J 10 2  
 ♦ J 10 7 3  
 ♣ J 6 4 2

♠ A 10 3 2  
 ♥ 6 4  
 ♦ 9 8  
 ♣ K 10 9 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♠ by South			

You have only 7 HCP but expect partner to have a reasonable hand since East could not keep the bidding open. With your black 2-suiter you bid the lowest one, 2 ♣.

Partner says 2 ♦.

Partner's 2 ♦ bid, the next suit up the line, asks you to name your other suit (or pass if your other suit is ♦s).

You bid 2 ♠ and everybody passes.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 4  
 ♥ A 5 4  
 ♦ K 9 7 4 2  
 ♣ K Q J

**16**  
**15** 5  
4

♠ A J 7 3  
 ♥ K Q 9  
 ♦ A Q 8 6  
 ♣ 6 3

W	N	E	S
♠ K 10 8 6 5 2	♦ 9	♥ 10 8 7 2	♦ J 3
♥ J 6 3		♦ 10 5	
♦ 10 5		♣ A 10 9 5 4 2	
♣ 8 7			

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	Pass	<b>2 ♠</b>
Pass	<b>4 ♠</b>	Pass	Pass
Pass			

**4 ♠ by South**

You would have opened 1 NT but West beat you to it. You cannot double for penalties when you use DONT, so you pass.

Partner bids **2 ♠** in the balancing seat.

The **2 ♠** bid shows a weak hand, with more strength partner would have first doubled, then bid **2 ♠**.

Still, you know he has a 6-card suit and you also know that every finesse is going to work. You either bid **3 ♠** or **4 ♠**. Be bold.