

Deal 1East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10 7
 ♥ 7 5 3
 ♦ Q 5 2
 ♣ J 9 8 2

10
5 15
10

West
Pass
Pass
2 ♥ by North

♠ A 9 3 2
 ♥ J 10 6
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ K Q 6 5

W N
S E

♠ K J 8 6
 ♥ A 4
 ♦ K 8 4
 ♣ A 10 7 4

♠ 5 4
 ♥ K Q 9 8 2
 ♦ A J 10 9 6
 ♣ 3

North East South
 2 ♥ 1 NT 2 ♦
 Pass Pass Pass

With T HCP and T red cards you have a good enough hand for an immediate DONT bid. So you bid 2 ♦, promising that suit and a Major.

Partner responds 2 ♥.

Don't get carried away, partner isn't really bidding a ♥ suit as much as he is letting you know he doesn't like ♦s. You were only competing for a partscore and here you are in a partscore. You pass.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 7 3
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ Q 9 4 2
 ♣ A 10 2

4
 7 17
 12

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

♠ A 9 2
 ♥ A K J 10 6 3
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ 6 5

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

You have a terrible hand but you still cannot pass partner's double. He is requesting you to bid 2 ♣ as a relay bid so he can name his suit.

You dutifully respond 2 ♣ and he says 2 ♥.

You didn't want to bid the first time, this time you definitely pass.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7
♥ K J 7 5 3
♦ A K 4
♣ 10 8 4

14
15 7
4
♣ 7

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

♠ K J 9
♥ A 4
♦ Q 8 7 2
♣ A 9 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ 6 3 2
♥ 6
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ K Q J 3 2

♠ Q 10 8 5 4
♥ Q 10 9 8 2
♦ 5 3
♣ 7

OK, you only have 4 HCP. But you have T cards in the Majors. And, you are in the balancing seat. If East is willing to let it die at 1 NT your partner must have some strength. So you should use DONT. You bid 2 ♥, showing both Major suits.

Partner responds 2 ♠.

Partner prefers ♠s to ♥s. Since you were bare minimum you pass.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4 2
 ♥ A Q 9 4
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ K 8 4 2

10
15 **6**
 9

♠ 8 3
 ♥ K J 8 2
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ A Q 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ K J 10 6
 ♥ 10 7 5
 ♦ J 10 8
 ♣ J 10 9

♠ A 9 7 5
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ K Q 7 5 2
 ♣ 6 5

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

Your hand is too balanced to intervene over West's 1 NT so you pass.

Then partner overcalls 2 ♦.

Partner has two suits, ♦s and one of the Majors. If his other suit is ♥s then a 2 ♥ bid by you would work great. But if his other suit is ♠s anything you say would not be good.

Since you can tolerate ♦s your safest call is pass.