

**Deal 1**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
15 7  
10

*West*

1 NT

Pass

2 ♠ by North

♠ K Q J 9 7 5

♥ 5 2

♦ Q 9 5

♣ 8 3



♠ 10 6 4

♥ J 10 8 3

♦ A J 8

♣ A 7 5

*North*

2 ♠

*East*

Pass

*South*

Pass

♠ 2

♥ K 7 6

♦ 7 4 3 2

♣ K J 10 6 4

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 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 7 4 2

♥ A 10 5

♦ 8 3 2

♣ 5 4 2

4  
4 16  
16

West

Pass

1 NT by East

♠ 8 6 5 3

♥ Q 9 2

♦ 7 5 4

♣ Q 6 3



♠ A J 10

♥ K J 7

♦ Q J 9 6

♣ A 10 7

North

Pass

East

1 NT

South

Pass

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 3**

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 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

5  
14 5  
16

West

Pass

2 ♠

2 ♠ by West

♠ 8 5

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 9 7 4 3

♣ J 10 6



♠ A K 6

♥ Q J 3

♦ 10 2

♣ A Q 9 7 5

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

Pass

You would have opened 1 ♦ but after South 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 North to have to lead through South's strength. Besides you feel like playing the last hand so you say 2 ♠ and everybody passes.