

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

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

7  
 8 17  
 8

West

Pass

Pass

2♥ by North

♠ J 4

♥ K Q J 10 7 4 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 2

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ 8 5

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ A K J 9 8 3

North

2♥

Pass

♠ A 10 7 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ A K 3

♣ Q 10 7

East

1 NT

Pass

South

Dbl

Pass

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**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 5

♥ K 5

♦ A J 9 5

♣ A Q J 6

♠ 7

♥ Q J 8 2

♦ K Q 10 7 4

♣ 9 7 3



♠ K Q J 8 3

♥ A 10 7 6 4

♦ 6

♣ K 8

♠ A 9 4 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 8 3 2

♣ 10 5 4 2

15  
8 13  
4

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

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by East

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

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♠ by South			

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



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

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

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**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 4

♥ A 5 4

♦ K 9 7 4 2

♣ K Q J

♠ K 10 8 6 5 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ 10 5

♣ 8 7



♠ A J 7 3

♥ K Q 9

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ 6 3

♠ 9

♥ 10 8 7 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 10 9 5 4 2

15  
4 16  
5

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

1 NT

Pass

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by West

You would have opened 1 NT but North 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.