

**Deal 1**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K J 10 6  
 ♥ A Q 3 2  
 ♦ K 10  
 ♣ A 10 5

**14**  
**17** 4  
 5

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

♠ 8 5  
 ♥ 8 7  
 ♦ J 9 4 3 2  
 ♣ Q J 9 7

♠ Q 9 7 4 2  
 ♥ K 10 9 4  
 ♦ 7 5  
 ♣ 4 2

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

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	♠ 10 6 4
None Vul	♥ J 10 8 3
	♦ A J 8
	♣ A 7 5
♠ 2	♠ A 8 3
♥ K 7 6	♥ A Q 9 4
♦ 7 4 3 2	♦ K 10 6
♣ K J 10 6 4	♣ Q 9 2

<b>10</b>	♠ K Q J 9 7 5
7 15	♥ 5 2
8	♦ Q 9 5
	♣ 8 3



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

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

♠ 9 7 4 2

♥ A 10 5

♦ 8 3 2

♣ 5 4 2

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♠ 8 6 5 3  
♥ Q 9 2  
♦ 7 5 4  
♣ Q 6 3

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

North

East

South

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT by South

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

13	15	7	5
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West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♠ by South			

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

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

♠ K Q 10 9 3 2
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♦ 9
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♦ 8 6 4
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♣ 9 7 5
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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

<p>♠ Q 10 7 4 2 ♥ K 10 9 7 4 ♦ 5 ♣ 4 2</p> <p>♠ 8 5 ♥ 8 2 ♦ K J 9 7 4 3 ♣ J 10 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 14</p>	<p>♠ A K 6 ♥ Q J 3 ♦ 10 2 ♣ A Q 9 7 5</p> <p>♠ J 9 3 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ A Q 8 6 ♣ K 8 3</p>		
<p>West</p>	<p>North</p>	<p>East</p>	<p>South</p>
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
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.