

Deal 1West Deals
None Vul

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

♠ Q J 4	♦ 7 4	♥ 7 4	♣ A J 9 6 2
♦ 7 4	♦ 7 4	♦ Q 7 5	♦ Q 7 5
♦ Q 7 5	♦ Q 7 5	♣ A J 9 6 2	♣ A J 9 6 2

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

With T HCP and a solid 6-card suit this is an ideal DONT bid. You double and partner follows procedure by saying 2 ♣.

Now you follow procedure by showing your 6-card suit. You bid 2 ♥ and everybody passes.

Deal 2

South Deals	♠ K 5		
None Vul	♥ 8 3		
	♦ J 7 6 5		
	♣ A 7 6 5 3		
♠ 10 7	♠ Q J 9 8 6 4 3		
♥ A J 9 7 4 2	♥ 6 5		
♦ A 8 2	♦ 9 4		
♣ K Q	♣ 10 2		
	♠ A 2		
8	♥ K Q 10		
14 3	♦ K Q 10 3		
15	♣ J 9 8 4		
West	North	East	South
Dbl	Pass	2 ♠	1 NT
Pass	Pass		Pass
2 ♠ by East			

Partner's double asks you to bid 2 ♠ as a relay bid so he can name his suit.

But you don't want him to bid his 6-card suit, your hand is useless unless ♠s are trumps. So ignore the relay request and bid 2 ♠. Everybody passes.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

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

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♠ Q 10 6 5 2**♥ —****♦ 7 4 2****♣ A 9 8 6 2**

♠ 4
♥ K Q 9 8 6 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 10 7 5

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

In the balancing seat it is distribution that counts, not point count. With a 6-card Major suit and a singleton you should not let them play 1 NT. You double.

Partner makes the relay bid of **2 ♣**.

You bid your suit, **2 ♥**, and everybody passes. Notice that partner had a decent hand, but could not bid over 1 NT in the immediate seat.

Deal 4South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 7 3
 ♥ J 8 5 2
 ♦ Q 9 6 4
 ♣ Q

9
 9
 15

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

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W		E
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♠ K 2
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ 7 5 3
 ♣ K J 9 6 5 3

♠ 10 9 6
 ♥ K 4
 ♦ A K J 8 2
 ♣ A 4 2

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

You don't have a 6-card suit, nor do you have a 5-4 pair of suits. So even with a singleton you don't want to use DONT here. So you pass.

Partner makes a DONT double in the balancing seat.

Right now you probably have a premonition about what is going to happen next. But there really is nothing you can say other than 2 ♣.

Your premonition came true. Partner passes and you are left playing 2 ♣ with a singleton. Nobody promised that DONT would always get you to a good contract.