

**Deal 1**East Deals  
None Vul

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

3  
8 15  
14

♠ Q J 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 6 5

♦ 9 4

♣ 10 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

10 7  
♥ A J 9 7 4 2  
♦ A 8 2  
♣ K Q

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

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 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 7

♥ J 7 3

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q J 4

$$\begin{matrix} 6 \\ 14 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} 5 \\ 15 \end{matrix}$$

♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ —

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A 9 8 6 2

W	N
S	E

♠ 4

♥ K Q 9 8 6 2

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 10 7 5

$$\begin{matrix} \spadesuit \text{ K } 8 \text{ 3} \\ \heartsuit \text{ A } 10 \text{ 5 } 4 \\ \diamondsuit \text{ A } \text{ J } 10 \text{ 9} \\ \clubsuit \text{ K } 3 \end{matrix}$$

West

North

East

South

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Dbl

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by East

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. Youdouble.

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 3**

East Deals

None Vul

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

**♠ 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**

**7**  
**9 15**  
**9**  
**♣ Q**

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

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.

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 7 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A K 3
♣ Q 10 7

♠ J 4
♥ K Q J 10 7 4 3
♦ 7 5
♣ 6 2

17
7 8
8

N
W
S
E

♠ 8 5
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ A K J 9 8 3

♠ K Q 9 6 3
♥ 6
♦ Q J 8 4 2
♣ 5 4

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

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 5**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 6 5  
 ♥ K 5  
 ♦ A J 9 5  
 ♣ A Q J 6

<sup>13</sup>  
<sup>15</sup>  
<sub>8</sub> 4

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

W N  
S E

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

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 ♥.