

Deal 1
East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10 7
♥ 7 5 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ J 9 8 2

10
5 15
10

♠ A 9 3 2
♥ J 10 6
♦ 7 3
♣ K Q 6 5

W N
S E

♠ K J 8 6
♥ A 4
♦ K 8 4
♣ A 10 7 4

♠ 5 4
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ A J 10 9 6
♣ 3

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

With T HCP and T red cards you have a good enough hand for an immediate DONT bid. So you bid 2 ♦, promising that suit and a Major.

Partner responds 2 ♥.

Don't get carried away, partner isn't really bidding a ♥ suit as much as he is letting you know he doesn't like ♦s. You were only competing for a partscore and here you are in a partscore. You pass.

Deal 2

North Deals	♠ K Q 10
None Vul	♥ Q 4
	♦ K J 10
	♣ K Q J 8 4

♠ 6 5 4
♥ 9 8 2
♦ A 8 6 5
♣ 9 7 3

17	♠ J 8 7 3
4 12	♥ 7 5
7	♦ Q 9 4 2
	♣ A 10 2



♠ A 9 2
♥ A K J 10 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 6 5

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

You have a terrible hand but you still cannot pass partner's double. He is requesting you to bid 2♣ as a relay bid so he can name his suit.

You dutifully respond 2♣ and he says 2 ♥.

You didn't want to bid the first time, this time you definitely pass.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6 3 2
♥ 6
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ K Q J 3 2

4
7 15
14

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	S	

♠ Q 10 8 5 4
♥ Q 10 9 8 2
♦ 5 3
♣ 7

♠ A 7
♥ K J 7 5 3
♦ A K 4
♣ 10 8 4

♠ K J 9
♥ A 4
♦ Q 8 7 2
♣ A 9 6 5

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

OK, you only have 4 HCP. But you have T cards in the Majors. And, you are in the balancing seat. If West is willing to let it die at 1 NT your partner must have some strength. So you should use DONT. You bid 2 ♥, showing both Major suits.

Partner responds 2 ♠.

Partner prefers ♠s to ♥s. Since you were bare minimum you pass.

Deal 4

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7 5
♥ 6 3
♦ K Q 7 5 2
♣ 6 5

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9 10
6

♠ Q 4 2
♥ A Q 9 4
♦ A 3
♣ K 8 4 2

W N
S E

♠ 8 3
♥ K J 8 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A Q 7 3

♠ K J 10 6
♥ 10 7 5
♦ J 10 8
♣ J 10 9

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

2 ♦ by West

Your hand is too balanced to intervene over North's 1 NT so you pass.

Then partner overcalls 2 ♦.

Partner has two suits, ♦s and one of the Majors. If his other suit is ♥s then a 2 ♥ bid by you would work great. But if his other suit is ♠s anything you say would not be good.

Since you can tolerate ♦s your safest call is pass.

Deal 5West 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	17	3	10
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♠ 10 7 5	♦ A 9 6	♥ 8 3	♣ 3
♥ 10 6	♦ J 8 4 3 2	♦ 10 6	♣ Q 10 7 5

♠ Q J 4	♦ 7 4	♦ Q 7 5	♣ A J 9 6 2
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<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 6

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 7
West Deals
None Vul

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

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

♠ 4
14
15 6
5
♣ 10 7 5

N
W E
S

West North East South
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 8South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 8 7 3
 ♥ J 8 5 2
 ♦ Q 9 6 4
 ♣ Q

9
 9 7
 15

♠ 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

<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.

Deal 9

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 6 3
♥ 6
♦ Q J 8 4 2
♣ 5 4

8 7
8 17

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 4
♥ K Q J 10 7 4 3
♦ 7 5
♣ 6 2

♠ A 10 7 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A K 3
♣ Q 10 7

♠ 8 5
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 9 6

♣ A K J 9 8 3

West	North	East	South
		1 NT	Dbl
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass		
2 ♥ by North			

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 10

North Deals	♠ 10 6 5
None Vul	♥ K 5
	♦ A J 9 5
	♣ A Q J 6

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

N
 W E
 S

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 8 13
 4

West *North* *East* *South*
 3 ♥ 1 NT 2 ♥ Pass
 Pass Pass 4 ♥ 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 11
 West Deals
 None Vul

♠ Q 5 4
 ♥ A Q 8 5
 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ A Q 3

13
 17 3
 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K J 9 6
 ♥ K 9 7 3
 ♦ A Q 6 5
 ♣ 8

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2 ♠ by South

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 12

	♠ Q 4		
North Deals	♥ A 5 4		
None Vul	♦ K 9 7 4 2		
	♣ K Q J		
♠ K 10 8 6 5 2	♠ A J 7 3		
♥ J 6 3	♥ K Q 9		
♦ 10 5	♦ A Q 8 6		
♣ 8 7	♣ 6 3		
	♠ 9		
4 15	♥ 10 8 7 2		
5 16	♦ J 3		
	♣ A 10 9 5 4 2		
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.

Deal 13

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



♠ 7 5
♥ 5 2
♦ Q 9 5
♣ A K J 9 8 3

West	North	East	South
		1 NT	Dbl
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♣ by North			

This is a perfect hand with which to Disturb the Opponent's No Trump. You double and partner bids 2♣, the relay bid.

What do you say next?

You say pass, of course.

Deal 14
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 7 6
♥ Q 10 5 3
♦ J 7 4 2
♣ 8 5

15
7 10
8

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 2
♥ A K 7
♦ K 10 9 5
♣ A 10 3

♠ K Q 9 8 5
♥ 6 4
♦ 8 6
♣ K Q 9 2

♠ 4 3
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ A Q 3
♣ J 7 6 4

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

Partner has two suits, ♣s and something else.

With ♣s your worst suit, you prefer to play in something else. So you bid the next suit up-the-line, which is 2♦.

Partner corrects to 2♠, his "something else" and you pass.

Deal 15East Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6 3 2	♦ 8	♣ K Q 9 7 5	
♥ 9 4			
♦ 8			
♣ K Q 9 7 5			
♠ 10 9 5	♦ 8 7	♣ Q J 4	
♥ 5	♦ K Q J 10 8 7	♦ A 6 3 2	
♦ Q J 10 7 3 2	♦ 9 6 5	♦ A K 4	
♣ A 4 2	♣ 8 3	♣ J 10 6	
	12	♠ 8 7	
7 15		♥ K Q J 10 8 7	
6		♦ 9 6 5	
		♣ 8 3	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 NT	Pass
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 ♥ by South			

You have 12 HCP, certainly enough to use DONT in either seat. With your black 2-suiter you bid the lowest one, **2 ♣**.

Partner says **2 ♥**.

Partner would have bid **2 ♦**, the next suit up the line, to ask you to name your other suit. His **2 ♥** bid says he wants to play right there.

So you pass.

Deal 16
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ 7 5
♣ 4 2

17
5 14
4

♠ K J 10 6
♥ A Q 3 2
♦ K 10
♣ A 10 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

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

N
W E
S

You would have opened 1♦ but after North 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 17

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 3

♥ A Q 9 4

♦ K 10 6

♣ Q 9 2

8
15 7
10

♠ K Q J 9 7 5

♥ 5 2

♦ Q 9 5

♣ 8 3

W	N	E	S
♦ 2	♥ K 7 6	♦ 7 4 3 2	♣ K J 10 6 4

♠ 10 6 4
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ A J 8
♣ A 7 5

West North East South

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

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 18East Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4 2
 ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ 8 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

4
 4 16
 16

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q
 ♥ 8 6 4 3
 ♦ A K 10
 ♣ K J 9 8

♠ A J 10
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ Q J 9 6
 ♣ A 10 7

West North East South
 Pass 1 NT Pass

Pass Pass
 1 NT by East

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 19West 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	♦ 9
15 7	♦ 8 6 4
5	♣ 9 7 5

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

W	N	E	S
♠ J 6 4	♦ 8	♥ K Q 7 3 2	♦ J 2
♥ A 10 8 6 5	♣ 8 3 2	♣ J 10 8 3 2	

♠ K Q 10 9 3 2

♥ 9

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 7 5

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 20
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 3
♥ A 6 5
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ K 8 3

14 5
16 5

N
W E
S

♠ A K 6
♥ Q J 3
♦ 10 2
♣ A Q 9 7 5

West North East South
Pass Pass 2 ♥ Pass
2 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
2 ♠ by West

♠ 8 5
♥ 8 2
♦ K J 9 7 4 3
♣ J 10 6

♠ Q 10 7 4 2
♥ K 10 9 7 4
♦ 5
♣ 4 2

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.