

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8
♥ K Q 7 3 2
♦ J 2
♣ J 10 8 3 2

5
7 15
13

♠ K Q 10 9 3 2

♥ 9

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 7 5



♠ A 7 5
♥ J 4
♦ A 10 7 5 3
♣ A Q 6

♠ J 6 4
♥ A 10 8 6 5
♦ K Q 9
♣ K 4

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

Pass

2 ♠

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

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 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 9 7 4 3

♣ J 10 6

5
5 16
14

♠ Q 10 7 4 2

♥ K 10 9 7 4

♦ 5

♣ 4 2



♠ J 9 3

♥ A 6 5

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ K 8 3

♠ A K 6

♥ Q J 3

♦ 10 2

♣ A Q 9 7 5

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

Pass

2 ♥

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠

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.