

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

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

10
17 3
10

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

♠ Q J 4
♥ 7 4
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 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 2West Deals
None Vul

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

14
15 8
 3
 ♣ 10 2

♠ 10 7
 ♥ A J 9 7 4 2
 ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ K Q

♠ K 5
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ J 7 6 5
 ♣ A 7 6 5 3

♠ Q J 9 8 6 4 3
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ 10 2

♠ Q J 9 8 6 4 3
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ 10 2

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

2 ♠ by South

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

East Deals
None Vul

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

5	♠ AJ 9 7
6 15	♥ J 7 3
14	♦ K Q 5
	♣ Q J 4

N
W
E
S

♠ K 8 3
♥ A 10 5 4
♦ A J 10 9
♣ K 3

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

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 4

East Deals

None Vul

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

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

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

N	W	E	S
♠ 10 9 6	♦ K 4	♦ A K J 8 2	♣ A 4 2

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.