

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> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pass | 2 ♥ | 1 NT | 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

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

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

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



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| ♠ A 9 2 |
| ♥ A K J 10 6 3 |
| ♦ 7 3 |
| ♣ 6 5 |

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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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | 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

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <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 10
 ♣ K 8 4

10
17 3
10

♠ 10 7 5
 ♥ K Q J 9 8 2
 ♦ A 9 6
 ♣ 3

N
 W E
 S

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

♠ 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 6

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|---------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| 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.