

Deal 1West 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	♣ 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 2
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5	♦ 5	♣ 4 2	♠ Q 10 7 4 2
♥ 8 2			♥ K 10 9 7 4
♦ K J 9 7 4 3			♦ 5
♣ J 10 6			♣ 4 2
			♠ A K 6
			♥ Q J 3
			♦ 10 2
			♣ A Q 9 7 5
			♠ J 9 3
			♥ A 6 5
			♦ A Q 8 6
			♣ K 8 3
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
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.