

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 7 5
♥ K Q J 9 8 2
♦ A 9 6
♣ 3

♠ A K 9 6 2
♥ A 5 3
♦ K 10
♣ K 8 4



♠ 8 3
♥ 10 6
♦ J 8 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 5

10
17 3
10

♠ 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 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 2
♥ K Q 10
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ J 9 8 4

14
15 8
3

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ 10 7
♥ A J 9 7 4 2
♦ A 8 2
♣ K Q



♠ Q J 9 8 6 4 3
♥ 6 5
♦ 9 4
♣ 10 2

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

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

♥ —

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A 9 8 6 2

5
6 15
14

♠ 4

♥ K Q 9 8 6 2

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 10 7 5

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♠ A J 9 7

♥ J 7 3

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q J 4

♠ K 8 3

♥ A 10 5 4

♦ A J 10 9

♣ K 3

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

Pass

Dbl

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

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

♥ A Q 10 9 7

♦ 10

♣ 10 8 7

7
9 15
9

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♣ by South

♠ K 2

♥ 6 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ K J 9 6 5 3



♠ A 8 7 3

♥ J 8 5 2

♦ Q 9 6 4

♣ Q

North

Dbl

Pass

East

1 NT

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

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.