

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 5
♥ 8 7
♦ J 9 4 3 2
♣ Q J 9 7

5
4 17
14

♠ Q 9 7 4 2
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ 7 5
♣ 4 2



♠ K J 10 6
♥ A Q 3 2
♦ K 10
♣ A 10 5

♠ A 3
♥ J 6 5
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ K 8 6 3

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

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 like ♥s better and don't have enough strength to think about game so you pass.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 6 4
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ A J 8
♣ A 7 5

♠ A 8 3
♥ A Q 9 4
♦ K 10 6
♣ Q 9 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 9 7 5
♥ 5 2
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 8 3

10 15 8
7
♦ K 7 6
♦ 7 4 3 2
♣ K J 10 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
2 ♠ by East			

You have a good 6-card suit but only 8 HCP. This is bare minimum for a DONT bid. The fact that your suit is ♠s should sway you toward bidding.

But with the weak hand you bid 2 ♠ instead of double. Everybody passes.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10
♥ K J 7
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ A 10 7

16 4
16 4

West

♠ 9 7 4 2

♥ A 10 5

♦ 8 3 2

♣ 5 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ Q 9 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ Q 6 3

♠ K Q
♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ A K 10
♣ K J 9 8

North

East

South

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT by South

With 16 points and a balanced hand you were planning on opening 1 NT yourself.

But one of the consequences of playing DONT is that you have no bid to describe this hand. You cannot double because then partner would just bid 2 ♣ as a relay and you wouldn't know where to go.

So you pass.

Deal 4

North Deals	♦ A 7 5
None Vul	♥ J 4
	♦ A 10 7 5 3
	♣ A Q 6

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



♠ 8

15
5 13
7

♦ K Q 7 3 2

♦ J 2

♣ J 10 8 3 2

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

2 ♠ by West

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 5West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6
 ♥ Q J 3
 ♦ 10 2
 ♣ A Q 9 7 5

14
16 **5**
 5

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

♠ J 9 3
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ A Q 8 6
 ♣ K 8 3

♠ 8 5
 N
 W E
 S
 ♠ J 10 6

♠ Q 10 7 4 2
 ♥ K 10 9 7 4
 ♦ 5
 ♣ 4 2

You would have opened 1♦ but after West 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 East to have to lead through West's strength. Besides you feel like playing the last hand so you say 2 ♠ and everybody passes.