

**Deal 1**West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K J 8 6  
 ♥ A 4  
 ♦ K 8 4  
 ♣ A 10 7 4

**10**  
**15** 5  
**10**



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

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

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

♠ Q 10 7  
 ♥ 7 5 3  
 ♦ Q 5 2  
 ♣ J 9 8 2

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**East Deals  
None Vul

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

4  
 7 17  
 12

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ K Q 10  
 ♥ Q 4  
 ♦ K J 10  
 ♣ K Q J 8 4

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

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

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 3**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 6 3 2  
♥ 6  
♦ J 10 9 6  
♣ K Q J 3 2

4  
7 15  
14

	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**West Deals  
None Vul

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

**10**  
**15**    **6**  
     **9**

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

N  
W   E  
S

♠ K J 10 6  
 ♥ 10 7 5  
 ♦ J 10 8  
 ♣ J 10 9

♠ A 9 7 5  
 ♥ 6 3  
 ♦ K Q 7 5 2  
 ♣ 6 5

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

Your hand is too balanced to intervene over West'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 5**East Deals  
None Vul

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

**10**  
 3    17  
**10**

West

♠ Q J 4

♥ 7 4

♦ Q 7 5

♣ A J 9 6 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

North

East

South

1 NT

Dbl

Pass      2 ♣  
 Pass      Pass  
 2 ♥ by South

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**

West 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

♠ 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

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

2 ♠ by South

♠ 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

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.