

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 7 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ A K 3

♣ Q 10 7

8
17 8
7

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ 8 5

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ A K J 9 8 3



♠ J 4

♥ K Q J 10 7 4 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 2

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

♠ K Q 9 6 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 8 4 2

♣ 5 4

You only have 8 HCP but with such a good 6-card suit you should interfere with a DONT bid. You double and partner surprises you by saying 2 ♥.

There is a reason partner didn't say 2 ♣ (which you were going to pass). And the reason is that he figures you will be better off in his ♥s. Since you trust your partner you pass.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 4 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 8 3 2

♣ 10 5 4 2

8

4 15

13

♠ 7

♥ Q J 8 2

♦ K Q 10 7 4

♣ 9 7 3



♠ 10 6 5

♥ K 5

♦ A J 9 5

♣ A Q J 6

♠ K Q J 8 3

♥ A 10 7 6 4

♦ 6

♣ K 8

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

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

Since partner has entered the bidding in the immediate seat he should have a pretty good hand, with 9+ cards in ♥s and ♠s.

Usually you are happy to settle for partscore after a DONT sequence, but with such an excellent fit for ♥s your hand is worth a raise.

So you bid 3 ♥ and partner says 4 ♥.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 5 4
♥ A Q 8 5
♦ K 4 2
♣ A Q 3

13
17 3
7

West
1 NT
Pass
Pass
2 ♠ by South

♠ K J 9 6
♥ K 9 7 3
♦ A Q 6 5
♣ 8



♠ A 10 3 2
♥ 6 4
♦ 9 8
♣ K 10 9 7 5

North
Pass
2 ♦
Pass

♠ 8 7
♥ J 10 2
♦ J 10 7 3
♣ J 6 4 2

East
Pass
Pass
Pass

South
2 ♣
2 ♠

You have only 7 HCP but expect partner to have a reasonable hand since East could not keep the bidding open. With your black 2-suiter you bid the lowest one, 2 ♣.

Partner says 2 ♦.

Partner's 2 ♦ bid, the next suit up the line, asks you to name your other suit (or pass if your other suit is ♦s).

You bid 2 ♠ and everybody passes.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4
♥ A 5 4
♦ K 9 7 4 2
♣ K Q J

16
15 5
4

West
1 NT
Pass
Pass
4 ♠ by South

♠ A J 7 3
♥ K Q 9
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ 6 3



♠ K 10 8 6 5 2
♥ J 6 3
♦ 10 5
♣ 8 7

North

Pass
4 ♠

East

Pass
Pass

South

2 ♠
Pass

You would have opened 1 NT but West beat you to it. You cannot double for penalties when you use DONT, so you pass.

Partner bids 2 ♠ in the balancing seat.

The 2 ♠ bid shows a weak hand, with more strength partner would have first doubled, then bid 2 ♠.

Still, you know he has a 6-card suit and you also know that every finesse is going to work. You either bid 3 ♠ or 4 ♠. Be bold.