

**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**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 7

♥ A J 9 7 4 2

♦ A 8 2

♣ K Q

8

14 3

15

West

Dbl

Pass

2 ♠ by East

♠ K 5

♥ 8 3

♦ J 7 6 5

♣ A 7 6 5 3



♠ A 2

♥ K Q 10

♦ K Q 10 3

♣ J 9 8 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♠

♠ 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.

**Deal 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

14  
15 6  
5

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

♠ A J 9 7  
♥ J 7 3  
♦ K Q 5  
♣ Q J 4



♠ 4  
♥ K Q 9 8 6 2  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 10 7 5

♠ Q 10 6 5 2  
♥ —  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A 9 8 6 2

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**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
9 7  
15

*West*

Pass

2 ♣

2 ♣ by West

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



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

*North*

Pass

Pass

*East*

Dbl

Pass

*South*

1 NT

Pass

Pass

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.