

Deal 1
East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10 7
♥ 7 5 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ J 9 8 2

10
5 15
10

♠ A 9 3 2
♥ J 10 6
♦ 7 3
♣ K Q 6 5

W N
S E

♠ K J 8 6
♥ A 4
♦ K 8 4
♣ A 10 7 4

♠ 5 4
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ A J 10 9 6
♣ 3

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

2 ♥ by North

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

North Deals	♠ K Q 10
None Vul	♥ Q 4
	♦ K J 10
	♣ K Q J 8 4

♠ 6 5 4
♥ 9 8 2
♦ A 8 6 5
♣ 9 7 3

17	♠ J 8 7 3
4 12	♥ 7 5
7	♦ Q 9 4 2
	♣ A 10 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 East			



♠ A 9 2
♥ A K J 10 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 6 5

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 3East 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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7 5
♥ 6 3
♦ K Q 7 5 2
♣ 6 5

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9 10
6

♠ Q 4 2
♥ A Q 9 4
♦ A 3
♣ K 8 4 2

W N
S E

♠ 8 3
♥ K J 8 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A Q 7 3

♠ K J 10 6
♥ 10 7 5
♦ J 10 8
♣ J 10 9

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

2 ♦ by West

Your hand is too balanced to intervene over North'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.