

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 3

♥ A Q 9 4

♦ K 10 6

♣ Q 9 2

8
15 7
10

♠ K Q J 9 7 5

♥ 5 2

♦ Q 9 5

♣ 8 3

W	N	E	S
♦ 2	♥ K 7 6	♦ 7 4 3 2	♣ K J 10 6 4

♠ 10 6 4
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ A J 8
♣ A 7 5

West North East South

1 NT

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

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 2
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 7 4 2
♥ A 10 5
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 5 4 2

4
4 16
16

♠ 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

♠ A J 10
♥ K J 7
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ A 10 7

West North East South
Pass Pass
1 NT by East

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 3

West Deals

None Vul

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

13	♠ K Q 10 9 3 2
15 7	♥ 9
5	♦ 8 6 4
	♣ 9 7 5

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

	N	
	W	E
	S	

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 4
South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 9 3
♥ A 6 5
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ K 8 3

14 5
16 5

♠ 8 5
♥ 8 2
♦ K J 9 7 4 3
♣ J 10 6

♠ Q 10 7 4 2
♥ K 10 9 7 4
♦ 5
♣ 4 2

♠ A K 6
♥ Q J 3
♦ 10 2
♣ A Q 9 7 5

West North East South
Pass Pass 2 ♥ Pass
2 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
2 ♠ by West

N
W E
S

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