

**Deal 1**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

5  
4 17  
14

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



♠ A 3  
♥ J 6 5  
♦ A Q 8 6  
♣ K 8 6 3

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

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

You would have opened 1 ♦ but after East opens 1 NT you must pass.

Partner bids 2 ♥ in the balancing seat.

The 2 ♥ bid shows ♥s and ♠s.

You like ♥s better and don't have enough strength to think about game so you pass.

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
 10 8  
 7

West

Pass

2 ♠ by East

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



♠ 2  
 ♥ K 7 6  
 ♦ 7 4 3 2  
 ♣ K J 10 6 4

North

1 NT

Pass

East

2 ♠

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

South

Pass

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 3**

South Deals

None Vul

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

4  
 16 4  
 16

West

Pass  
 1 NT by South

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



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

North

Pass

East

Pass

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

South  
 1 NT

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 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7 5

♥ J 4

♦ A 10 7 5 3

♣ A Q 6

♠ K Q 10 9 3 2

♥ 9

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 7 5



♠ J 6 4

♥ A 10 8 6 5

♦ K Q 9

♣ K 4

♠ 8

♥ K Q 7 3 2

♦ J 2

♣ J 10 8 3 2

15  
5 13  
7

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

1 NT

Pass

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by West

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 5**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 9 3

♥ A 6 5

♦ A Q 8 6

♣ K 8 3

♠ A K 6

♥ Q J 3

♦ 10 2

♣ A Q 9 7 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

14  
16 5  
5

*West*

1 NT

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

*North*

Pass

2 ♠

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 ♥

Pass

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