

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> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | 1 NT | 2 ♦ |
| Pass | 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 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 7 3
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ Q 9 4 2
 ♣ A 10 2

4
 7 17
 12

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| | N | |
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| | S | |

♠ 6 5 4
 ♥ 9 8 2
 ♦ A 8 6 5
 ♣ 9 7 3

♠ K Q 10
 ♥ Q 4
 ♦ K J 10
 ♣ K Q J 8 4

♠ A 9 2
 ♥ A K J 10 6 3
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ 6 5

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

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 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 7
♥ K J 7 5 3
♦ A K 4
♣ 10 8 4

14
15 7
4
♣ 7

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

♠ K J 9
♥ A 4
♦ Q 8 7 2
♣ A 9 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ 6 3 2
♥ 6
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ K Q J 3 2

♠ Q 10 8 5 4

♥ Q 10 9 8 2

♦ 5 3

♣ 7

OK, you only have 4 HCP. But you have T cards in the Majors. And, you are in the balancing seat. If East 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 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4 2
 ♥ A Q 9 4
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ K 8 4 2

10
15 **6**
 9

♠ 8 3
 ♥ K J 8 2
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ A Q 7 3

N
W E
S

♠ K J 10 6
 ♥ 10 7 5
 ♦ J 10 8
 ♣ J 10 9

♠ A 9 7 5
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ K Q 7 5 2
 ♣ 6 5

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

Your hand is too balanced to intervene over West'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.

Deal 5West Deals
None Vul

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| ♠ A K 9 6 2 | ♦ A 5 3 | ♥ K Q J 9 8 2 | ♣ K 8 4 |
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| 10 | 17 | 3 | 10 |
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| ♠ 10 7 5 | ♦ A 9 6 | ♥ 8 3 | ♣ 3 |
| ♥ 10 6 | ♦ J 8 4 3 2 | ♦ 10 6 | ♣ Q 10 7 5 |

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| ♠ Q J 4 | ♦ 7 4 | ♦ Q 7 5 | ♣ A J 9 6 2 |
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| <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.