

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 8 6
♥ A 4
♦ K 8 4
♣ A 10 7 4

10
15 5
10

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ 5 4
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ A J 10 9 6
♣ 3



♠ A 9 3 2
♥ J 10 6
♦ 7 3
♣ K Q 6 5

North

2 ♦

Pass

♠ Q 10 7
♥ 7 5 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ J 9 8 2

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 7 3

♥ 7 5

♦ Q 9 4 2

♣ A 10 2

4
7 17
12

♠ 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

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

Pass

2 ♣

1 NT

Dbl

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♥

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 3 2

♥ 6

♦ J 10 9 6

♣ K Q J 3 2

4
7 15
14

♠ Q 10 8 5 4

♥ Q 10 9 8 2

♦ 5 3

♣ 7



♠ K J 9

♥ A 4

♦ Q 8 7 2

♣ A 9 6 5

♠ A 7

♥ K J 7 5 3

♦ A K 4

♣ 10 8 4

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

1 NT

Pass

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4 2
♥ A Q 9 4
♦ A 3
♣ K 8 4 2

10
15 6
9

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♦ by South

♠ 8 3
♥ K J 8 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ A Q 7 3



♠ A 9 7 5
♥ 6 3
♦ K Q 7 5 2
♣ 6 5

North

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

♠ K J 10 6
♥ 10 7 5
♦ J 10 8
♣ J 10 9

South

2 ♦

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.