

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5  
 ♥ 8 3  
 ♦ J 7 6 5  
 ♣ A 7 6 5 3

3  
 8 15  
 14

*West*

Pass

Pass

2 ♠ by North

♠ Q J 9 8 6 4 3

♥ 6 5

♦ 9 4

♣ 10 2



♠ 10 7

♥ A J 9 7 4 2

♦ A 8 2

♣ K Q

*North*

2 ♠

*East*

1 NT

Pass

*South*

Dbl

Pass

Partner's double asks you to bid 2 ♣ as a relay bid so he can name his suit.

But you don't want him to bid his 6-card suit, your hand is useless unless ♠s are trumps. So ignore the relay request and bid 2 ♠. Everybody passes.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 9 7

♥ J 7 3

♦ K Q 5

♣ Q J 4

6  
14 5  
15

*West*

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥ by East

♠ Q 10 6 5 2

♥ —

♦ 7 4 2

♣ A 9 8 6 2



♠ K 8 3

♥ A 10 5 4

♦ A J 10 9

♣ K 3

*North*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*East*

Dbl

2 ♥

*South*

1 NT

Pass

Pass

♠ 4

♥ K Q 9 8 6 2

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 10 7 5

In the balancing seat it is distribution that counts, not point count. With a 6-card Major suit and a singleton you should not let them play 1 NT. You double.

Partner makes the relay bid of 2 ♣.

You bid your suit, 2 ♥, and everybody passes. Notice that partner had a decent hand, but could not bid over 1 NT in the immediate seat.

**Deal 3**

East Deals

None Vul

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

7  
 9 15  
 9

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♣ by South

♠ K 2

♥ 6 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ K J 9 6 5 3



♠ A 8 7 3

♥ J 8 5 2

♦ Q 9 6 4

♣ Q

North

Dbl

Pass

East

1 NT

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

2 ♣

You don't have a 6-card suit, nor do you have a 5-4 pair of suits. So even with a singleton you don't want to use DONT here. So you pass.

Partner makes a DONT double in the balancing seat.

Right now you probably have a premonition about what is going to happen next. But there really is nothing you can say other than 2 ♣.

Your premonition came true. Partner passes and you are left playing 2 ♣ with a singleton. Nobody promised that DONT would always get you to a good contract.

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 7 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ A K 3

♣ Q 10 7

♠ J 4

♥ K Q J 10 7 4 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 2



♠ 8 5

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ A K J 9 8 3

♠ K Q 9 6 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 8 4 2

♣ 5 4

<sup>17</sup>  
 7 8  
 8
*West**North**East**South*

1 NT

Dbl

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by West

You only have 8 HCP but with such a good 6-card suit you should interfere with a DONT bid. You double and partner surprises you by saying 2 ♥.

There is a reason partner didn't say 2 ♣ (which you were going to pass). And the reason is that he figures you will be better off in his ♥s. Since you trust your partner you pass.

**Deal 5**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 6 5  
♥ K 5  
♦ A J 9 5  
♣ A Q J 6

13  
15 4  
8

West	North	East	South
1 NT	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

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



♠ 7  
♥ Q J 8 2  
♦ K Q 10 7 4  
♣ 9 7 3

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

Since partner has entered the bidding in the immediate seat he should have a pretty good hand, with 9+ cards in ♥s and ♠s.

Usually you are happy to settle for partscore after a DONT sequence, but with such an excellent fit for ♥s your hand is worth a raise.

So you bid 3 ♥ and partner says 4 ♥.