

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



♠ K J 10 6
♥ A Q 3 2
♦ K 10
♣ A 10 5

♠ A 3
♥ J 6 5
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ K 8 6 3

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

East Deals	♠ 10 6 4
None Vul	♥ J 10 8 3
	♦ A J 8
	♣ A 7 5
♠ 2	♠ A 8 3
♥ K 7 6	♥ A Q 9 4
♦ 7 4 3 2	♦ K 10 6
♣ K J 10 6 4	♣ Q 9 2

10	♠ K Q J 9 7 5
7 15	♥ 5 2
8	♦ Q 9 5
	♣ 8 3



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

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 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 6 5 3
 ♥ Q 9 2
 ♦ 7 5 4
 ♣ Q 6 3

16
 4 **16**
 4

West *North* *East* *South*
 Pass 1 NT Pass Pass

Pass
 1 NT by North

♠ K Q
 ♥ 8 6 4 3
 ♦ A K 10
 ♣ K J 9 8

W N
 S E

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

♠ 9 7 4 2
 ♥ A 10 5
 ♦ 8 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

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 4West 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	♦ 9
15 7	♦ 8 6 4
5	♣ 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			

W	N	E	S
♠ J 6 4	♦ 8	♥ K Q 7 3 2	♦ J 2
♥ A 10 8 6 5	♣ 8	♣ J 10 8 3 2	

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 5West Deals
None Vul

♠ A K 6
 ♥ Q J 3
 ♦ 10 2
 ♣ A Q 9 7 5

14
16 **5**
 5

<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			

♠ J 9 3
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ A Q 8 6
 ♣ K 8 3

N
W E
S

♠ 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

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.