

Deal 1

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10 7
♥ 7 5 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ J 9 8 2

10
5 15
10

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by North

♠ A 9 3 2
♥ J 10 6
♦ 7 3
♣ K Q 6 5



♠ 5 4
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ A J 10 9 6
♣ 3

North

2 ♥

East

1 NT

Pass

♠ K J 8 6
♥ A 4
♦ K 8 4
♣ A 10 7 4

South

2 ♦

Pass

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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5 4
 ♥ 9 8 2
 ♦ A 8 6 5
 ♣ 9 7 3

17
 4 12
 7

West

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♥ by East

♠ K Q 10

♥ Q 4

♦ K J 10

♣ K Q J 8 4



♠ J 8 7 3

♥ 7 5

♦ Q 9 4 2

♣ A 10 2

North

1 NT

Pass

Pass

East

Dbl

2 ♥

South

Pass

Pass

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*

Pass

2 ♥

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

2 ♠

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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 7 5
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ K Q 7 5 2
 ♣ 6 5

15
 9 10
 6

West

2 ♦

2 ♦ by West

♠ Q 4 2
 ♥ A Q 9 4
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ K 8 4 2



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

North

1 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Your hand is too balanced to intervene over North'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.