

Deal 1West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 8 6
 ♥ A 4
 ♦ K 8 4
 ♣ A 10 7 4

10
15 5
10



♠ A 9 3 2
 ♥ J 10 6
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ K Q 6 5

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

♠ 5 4
 ♥ K Q 9 8 2
 ♦ A J 10 9 6
 ♣ 3

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

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 3 2
♥ 6
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ K Q J 3 2

4
7 15
14

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 10 8 5 4
♥ Q 10 9 8 2
♦ 5 3
♣ 7

♠ A 7
♥ K J 7 5 3
♦ A K 4
♣ 10 8 4

♠ K J 9
♥ A 4
♦ Q 8 7 2
♣ A 9 6 5

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 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4 2
 ♥ A Q 9 4
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ K 8 4 2

10
15 **6**
 9

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

♠ 8 3
 ♥ K J 8 2
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ A Q 7 3

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

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 7 5
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ K Q 7 5 2
 ♣ 6 5

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.