

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 9 6 3
♥ 6
♦ Q J 8 4 2
♣ 5 4

8 7
8 17

♠ J 4
♥ K Q J 10 7 4 3
♦ 7 5
♣ 6 2



♠ A 10 7 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ A K 3
♣ Q 10 7

♠ 8 5
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ A K J 9 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass		Pass
2 ♥ by North			

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 2

North Deals	♠ 10 6 5
None Vul	♥ K 5
	♦ A J 9 5
	♣ A Q J 6

♠ 7	♠ K Q J 8 3
♥ Q J 8 2	♥ A 10 7 6 4
♦ K Q 10 7 4	♦ 6
♣ 9 7 3	♣ K 8
	♠ A 9 4 2
	♥ 9 3
	♦ 8 3 2
	♣ 10 5 4 2

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 8 13
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West North East South
 1 NT 2 ♥ Pass
 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass
 Pass Pass
 4 ♥ by East

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 ♥.

Deal 3West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 5 4
 ♥ A Q 8 5
 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ A Q 3

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17 3
 7

♠ K J 9 6
 ♥ K 9 7 3
 ♦ A Q 6 5
 ♣ 8

W N
S E

♠ 8 7
 ♥ J 10 2
 ♦ J 10 7 3
 ♣ J 6 4 2

♠ A 10 3 2
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ K 10 9 7 5

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

You have only 7 HCP but expect partner to have a reasonable hand since East could not keep the bidding open. With your black 2-suiter you bid the lowest one, 2 ♣.

Partner says 2 ♦.

Partner's 2 ♦ bid, the next suit up the line, asks you to name your other suit (or pass if your other suit is ♦s).

You bid 2 ♠ and everybody passes.

Deal 4

	♠ Q 4		
North Deals	♥ A 5 4		
None Vul	♦ K 9 7 4 2		
	♣ K Q J		
♠ K 10 8 6 5 2	♠ A J 7 3		
♥ J 6 3	♥ K Q 9		
♦ 10 5	♦ A Q 8 6		
♣ 8 7	♣ 6 3		
	♠ 9		
4 15	♥ 10 8 7 2		
5 16	♦ J 3		
	♣ A 10 9 5 4 2		
West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by West			

You would have opened 1 NT but North beat you to it. You cannot double for penalties when you use DONT, so you pass.

Partner bids 2 ♠ in the balancing seat.

The 2 ♠ bid shows a weak hand, with more strength partner would have first doubled, then bid 2 ♠.

Still, you know he has a 6-card suit and you also know that every finesse is going to work. You either bid 3 ♠ or 4 ♠. Be bold.