

Deal 1

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



West	North	East	South
		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 2

South Deals

None Vul

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

16 4
 16 4

West

North

East

South

1 NT

Pass Pass Pass
1 NT by South

♠ 9 7 4 2

♥ A 10 5

♦ 8 3 2

♣ 5 4 2



♠ 8 6 5 3
 ♥ Q 9 2
 ♦ 7 5 4
 ♣ Q 6 3

♠ K Q
 ♥ 8 6 4 3
 ♦ A K 10
 ♣ K J 9 8

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 3

West 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	♠ K Q 10 9 3 2
15 7	♥ 9
5	♦ 8 6 4
	♣ 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			

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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 4
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 5	♦ 5	♣ 4 2	♠ Q 10 7 4 2
♥ 8 2			♥ K 10 9 7 4
♦ K J 9 7 4 3			♦ 5
♣ J 10 6			♣ 4 2
			♠ A K 6
			♥ Q J 3
			♦ 10 2
			♣ A Q 9 7 5
			♠ J 9 3
			♥ A 6 5
			♦ A Q 8 6
			♣ K 8 3
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♥	1 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
2 ♠ by South			

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 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 West to have to lead through East's strength. Besides you feel like playing the last hand so you say 2 ♠ and everybody passes.