

Deal 1

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



 5
 6 15
 14 ♠ A J 9 7
 ♥ J 7 3
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ Q J 4

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

In the balancing seat it is distribution that counts, not point count. With a 6-card Major suit and a singleton you should not let them play 1 NT. You double.

Partner makes the relay bid of 2 ♣.

You bid your suit, 2 ♥, and everybody passes. Notice that partner had a decent hand, but could not bid over 1 NT in the immediate seat.

Deal 2

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



15	♠ Q J 5 4
7 9	♥ A Q 10 9 7
9	♦ 10
	♣ 10 8 7

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

You don't have a 6-card suit, nor do you have a 5-4 pair of suits. So even with a singleton you don't want to use DONT here. So you pass.

Partner makes a DONT double in the balancing seat.

Right now you probably have a premonition about what is going to happen next. But there really is nothing you can say other than 2 ♣.

Your premonition came true. Partner passes and you are left playing 2 ♣ with a singleton. Nobody promised that DONT would always get you to a good contract.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

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

8	♠ J 4
17	♦ K Q J 10 7 4 3
8	♦ 7 5
7	♣ 6 2



♠ K Q 9 6 3	♦ 6
♦ Q J 8 4 2	♣ 5 4

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

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 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

♠ 10 6 5 ♥ K 5 ♦ A J 9 5 ♣ A Q J 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by West			

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 5East Deals
None Vul

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

7
 3 17
 13

♠ A 10 3 2

♥ 6 4
 ♦ 9 8

♣ K 10 9 7 5

W	N
S	E

♠ Q 5 4
 ♥ A Q 8 5
 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ A Q 3

♠ K J 9 6
 ♥ K 9 7 3
 ♦ A Q 6 5
 ♣ 8

<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 North

You have only 7 HCP but expect partner to have a reasonable hand since West 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 6

South Deals

None Vul

5
16 4
15

West

♠ 9

♥ 10 8 7 2

♦ J 3

♣ A 10 9 5 4 2



♠ K 10 8 6 5 2

♥ J 6 3

♦ 10 5

♣ 8 7

♠ Q 4

♥ A 5 4

♦ K 9 7 4 2

♣ K Q J

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

2 ♠

1 NT

4 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by East

You would have opened 1 NT but South 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.