

**Deal 1**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8  
 ♥ K Q 7 3 2  
 ♦ J 2  
 ♣ J 10 8 3 2

5  
 7 15  
 13

♠ K Q 10 9 3 2

♥ 9

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 9 7 5



♠ A 7 5  
 ♥ J 4  
 ♦ A 10 7 5 3  
 ♣ A Q 6

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

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

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 2**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 7 4 2

♥ K 10 9 7 4

♦ 5

♣ 4 2

16

5 14

5

West

2 ♥

Pass

2 ♠ by East

♠ A K 6

♥ Q J 3

♦ 10 2

♣ A Q 9 7 5



♠ 8 5

♥ 8 2

♦ K J 9 7 4 3

♣ J 10 6

North

1 NT

Pass

Pass

East

Pass

2 ♠

South

Pass

Pass

You would have opened 1 ♦ but after North 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 South to have to lead through North's strength. Besides you feel like playing the last hand so you say 2 ♠ and everybody passes.