

Deal 1

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A 2
♥ K Q 10
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ J 9 8 4

14
15 8
3

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ 10 7
♥ A J 9 7 4 2
♦ A 8 2
♣ K Q



♠ Q J 9 8 6 4 3
♥ 6 5
♦ 9 4
♣ 10 2

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♠

Partner's double asks you to bid 2 ♣ as a relay bid so he can name his suit.

But you don't want him to bid his 6-card suit, your hand is useless unless ♠s are trumps. So ignore the relay request and bid 2 ♠. Everybody passes.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8 3
♥ A 10 5 4
♦ A J 10 9
♣ K 3

14
15 6
5

<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 South			

♠ A J 9 7
♥ J 7 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q J 4



♠ 4
♥ K Q 9 8 6 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 10 7 5

♠ Q 10 6 5 2
♥ —
♦ 7 4 2
♣ A 9 8 6 2

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 3

East Deals

None Vul

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

7
 9 15
 9

West

Pass

Pass

2 ♣ by South

♠ K 2

♥ 6 3

♦ 7 5 3

♣ K J 9 6 5 3

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♠ A 8 7 3

♥ J 8 5 2

♦ Q 9 6 4

♣ Q

North

Dbl

Pass

East

1 NT

Pass

Pass

South

Pass

2 ♣

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 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 7 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ A K 3

♣ Q 10 7

8
17 8
7

West

1 NT

Pass

2 ♥ by South

♠ 8 5

♥ 8 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ A K J 9 8 3



♠ J 4

♥ K Q J 10 7 4 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 6 2

North

Dbl

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

♠ K Q 9 6 3

♥ 6

♦ Q J 8 4 2

♣ 5 4

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 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 4 2

♥ 9 3

♦ 8 3 2

♣ 10 5 4 2

8

4 15

13

♠ 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

♠ K Q J 8 3

♥ A 10 7 6 4

♦ 6

♣ K 8

*West**North**East**South*

1 NT

2 ♥

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

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 ♥.