## **NOT a CONVENTIONAL DOUBLE**

AK76 876 4 Hearts QJ76 K10 QJ3 Void 2NT (unusual) A9854 ??? J9862

1095 KQ432 DEALER – 1 Heart K102 Pass A4

We all play take out doubles, negative doubles, lead directing doubles, and other doubles. don't forget that a double can actually mean you want the opponents to play their contract doubled. East's double is not any sort of conventional double, West should pass. Have faith that partner knows what he's doing

J KQ1076 1 Heart AJ1082 2 Diamonds (4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing to game) 52 4 Hearts

 Q532
 Pass
 K1074

 J
 Pass
 9854
 Pass

 954
 Pass
 KQ6
 Pass

 AQ1087
 94
 Pass

A986
A32 DEALER – 1 Club
73 1 Spade
KJ63 2 Hearts (shows 3)

East is on lead, what do you lead? If East leads the K of diamonds, contract's easy to make. North sets up diamonds and gives up 2 clubs. If East leads the 9 of clubs, West wins AQ and plays a 3<sup>rd</sup> club. North has to ruff high, allows East to win a trump trick for down 1.

10 1 NT 94 Pass AKJ53 106542

 Q7
 Pass
 J842
 Pass

 K108752
 Pass
 A6
 Pass

 1072
 Q984

 93
 J87

AK9653

QJ3 DEALER – 1 Spade 6 4 Spades AKQ

West leads the 7 of hearts, dummy plays low, you win the Ace and return a heart. West wins the K and returns a 3<sup>rd</sup> heart, declarer ruffs with dummy's 10 of spades. Plan your defense.

753 2 Diamonds (transfer)

K9652 4 Hearts

5 KQ54

J942 KQ10 84 Pass 73

 84
 Pass
 73
 DEALER 1 Diamond

 J1083
 Pass
 A9642
 Pass

 1083
 AJ9
 Pass

A86

AQJ10 1 NT

KQ7 3 Hearts (super accept)

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West leads the J of diamonds, dummy plays the 5. What do you play? Plan your defense. Partner can't have any/many points, you open, S bids 1 NT, N has 8 points.

An opening bid has three elements: playing tricks, defensive tricks and a comfortable second bid. Winning bridge is a function of keeping avoidable errors to a minimum. If you are determined to goof as declarer, the best time is at the first trick. Capable declarers are careful not to play impulsively. They count sure winners, possible losers or both. Before they call for a single card, they form a plan to establish winners or avoid losers.