

## OVERLOOKED DEFENSIVE PLAY

A5      2 Diamonds (transfer)  
Q10973 3 NT  
1074  
KJ3

J9863			K74
A82	Pass		J54    Pass
98	Pass		KQ65   Pass
854	Pass		1097

Q102  
K6      DEALER – 1 NT  
AJ32            2 Hearts  
AQ62            Pass

West makes the normal lead of the spade 6, dummy plays low, East wins the K and returns the 7 (remaining count). Declarer goes after the heart suit, leading the 3 to his K. Should you take the Ace or let South win his K? The future of this hand depends on your setting up the spades and then getting in to use them.  
Hint: Ace of hearts is your entry.

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J72      Your bid??  
A107  
KQJ3  
A95

K83			95
843	Pass		Q9652
A1082			75
Q72			10843

AQ1064  
KJ      DEALER – 1 Spade  
964  
KJ6

Your partner opens 1 spade, pass to you. What's your bid? Remember the Zoom class Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>?

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AJ1062 DEALER – 1 Spade  
 A8 4 NT (Ace asking)  
 32 6 Spades  
 A863

8	Pass	975	Pass
J95	Pass	Q7432	Pass
K1095	Pass	Q7	Pass
QJ972		K104	

KQ43  
 K106 4 Clubs (Splinter)  
 AJ864 5 Spades (2 w/Q of trump)  
 5 Pass

Splinter bids gets you to the slam. You make 6 spades by ruffing 3 clubs in dummy or by ruffing 2 diamonds and setting up the 5<sup>th</sup> diamond.

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J109 DEALER – 1 Diamond  
 Q976 3 Hearts  
 KQ975 Show 1  
 A Pass

Q54		AK8763	
1032	Pass	84	2 Spades
J83	Pass	4	Pass
8752	Pass	J1094	Pass

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 AKJ5 X (Negative Double)  
 A1062 4 NT (Ace asking)  
 KQ63 6 Hearts

South made the negative double on 17 HCP in order to locate the heart fit. I dislike the name “Negative” Double because it sounds like a weak hand. South re-evaluates his hand 17 HCP to about 20 pts in hearts and uses Roman Keycard or Blackwood. Missing just 1 control, South bids 6 hearts and North loses 1 spade trick.

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