

Don't Double ... -- Problem (1)

Board 9

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 8 2

♥ K Q J 9 6 4 3

♦ 9 5

♣ A 5



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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1 ♦

3 ♥	Pass	Pass	3 NT
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All pass

3 NT by South

[deal rotated for convenience]

Would you have bid something other than 3 ♥?

What would you have done over South's aggressive 3 NT bid?

What do you lead?

Don't Double ... -- Problem (2)

Board 13

South Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 5 4 2

♥ 10 8 5 3

♦ 8 7 2

♣ Q 8



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
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1 NT

Pass	2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass
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Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT
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All pass

3 NT by South

[deal rotated for convenience]

These waters may be uncharted. Would you have taken any action?

What do you lead?

Complete the title for these problems.

For extra credit, give the colorful equivalent.

Don't Double ... -- Solution (1)

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♠ 8 2 ♥ K Q J 9 6 4 3 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A 5		♠ K J 10 9 6 5 4 3 ♥ — ♦ J 8 6 ♣ J 9	♠ A 7 ♥ A 5 2 ♦ A K Q 4 3 ♣ 10 6 2
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N 5N; N 5♦; N 5♣; S 4♦; S 4♣; EW 2♠; S 1N;
 EW 1♥; Par +460: N 3N+2

West	North	East	South
			1♦
3♥	Pass	Pass	3NT
All pass			
3NT by South			

3♥ is a great bid. Using the rule of 2-3-4, you should be down two in hand for a preempt at unfavorable vulnerability. This is a 7-trick hand, as expected.

PASS, and lead a heart honor! (The king is the standard lead, but I led the Rusinow queen: our partnership leads the second highest from touching honors at all strains. Yup, nobody cares, this time.)

Declarer starts with seven tricks. He took the ♥ A and five diamonds, and led a club. Had East held the ace, declarer would have at least nine tricks. As it was, he finished three down, losing his ♠ A.

If you double, North will run to clubs, making five.

The title for these problems is, Don't Double...

The Only Thing You Can Beat!

Don't Double ... -- Solution (2)

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Both Vul

♠ K 5 4 2 ♥ 10 8 5 3 ♦ 8 7 2 ♣ Q 8		♠ A Q 10 6 ♥ A 9 6 ♦ J 10 9 6 4 3 ♣ —	♠ 9 7 ♥ J 4 2 ♦ A ♣ K J 10 9 7 6 4
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NS 6♦; NS 5♠; NS 5♥; NS 2N; EW 1♣;
 Par +1370: NS 6♦

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♣	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All pass			
3NT by South			

When the auction is confused, lean toward letting the opponents play the hand. No way either you or partner should do anything, even if you suspect that 3NT is going down.

PASS, and lead the ♣ Q. Partner must have a club stack. You did not consider leading something else, did you?

Same game plan as the previous deal; down three again. Declarer eschewed the spade finesse, which could not bring home nine tricks, and led a diamond. (Playing East-West, we actually played these boards back to back.)

If you act, the opponents may find their diamond game or slam! They have so much strength they might make 5♥ in a 3-3 fit!

The extra credit description of a double here:

Pigs wind up on the wrong end of the cleaver!