

# 343. A real bid

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Dealer West : Nil vulnerable

West	North	East	South
4♦	Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	?

(1) Primarily for takeout

What would you do as South with:

♠ AQ10874  
♥ QJ82  
♦ K6  
♣ 4

Recommended for action after a pre-empt is to play partner for two tricks. If North is prepared to be in game opposite two tricks, that will translate into a hand with about 18+ points or about a 5-loser hand. A two-trick hand is about 6-9 points, but South is much better than that. South has 12 HCP, an excellent spade suit and control in clubs. Opposite an 18-point hand or better, South is certainly worth a shot at slam.

The deal comes from the 2017 Spingold (USA Open Teams) semi-final match between [DIAMOND](#) and [MITTELMAN](#).

Board 38: Dealer West : Nil vulnerable

	North	
	♠ KJ92	
	♥ A96	
	♦ A3	
	♣ AK76	
West		East
♠ 6		♠ 53
♥ 105		♥ K743
♦ QJ1098752		♦ 4
♣ Q10		♣ J98532
	South	
	♠ AQ10874	
	♥ QJ82	
	♦ K6	
	♣ 4	

[MITTELMAN](#) North-South:

West	North	East	South
4♦	Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4♠

Pass Pass Pass  
(1) Primarily for takeout

West led the ♥10. Declarer took the ♥A, drew trumps and had 12 tricks for +480. (Note to self: Never double this South player for penalties)

[DIAMOND](#) North-South:

West	North	East	South
4♦	Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	5♠

Pass 6♦<sup>(2)</sup> Pass 6♠  
Pass Pass Pass

(1) Primarily for takeout  
(2) Cue-bid, interested in 7♠.

West led the ♥10, ace. South made 12 tricks, +980 and + 11 Imps.

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When the deal was replayed in a game on BBO, it went:

West	North	East	South
4♦	Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) Primarily for takeout

South was Australian representative, Susan Humphries. 6♠! That's a real woman's bid.

## Problem for Tomorrow:

Dealer East : Both vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2NT <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	?		

(1) 20-22 points, balanced

What would you do as North with:

♠ 98  
♥ A9542  
♦ J104  
♣ 875

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