

Answers double trouble

- 1) penalty –any double of NTs is a penalty
- 2) L.D.D. the doubler has clubs and wants that suit led
- 3) East who doubled the 2C opener (rather cheekily) is suggesting that they have good clubs
- 4) Penalty –see answer to (1) above
- 5) This is a take out double albeit a somewhat delayed take out double.
You should assume that any low level double of a SUIT when partner has not yet bid is a takeout double . H eres some more exa mples of (Delayed) take out doubles

N	E	S	W
1NT	P	2H	P
P	Dble		

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1D	P	2D	P
P	Dble		

- 6) LDD –the 3C call was conventional so the doubler is asking for clubs to be led
- 7) A take out double (a del;ayed take out double)
- 8) Penalty –lets just examine this :
The double is at a high level (and so one naturally assumes it is penalty not takeout;
The partner of the doubler had already bid and so cant be being asked to speak.
Finally many penalty doubles of suits come at the end of a competitive auction with everyone bidding.
- 9)LDD the doubler has diamonds and wants them led
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In the next set of questions I can imagine that some of you are worried as to which card to lead ie having decided that the suit to be led is the J32 clubs you might wonder whether to lead the J or the 2. And it could be important I suppose . My answers have assumed that we will lead small from an honour (so here the 2) and high from a nothing suit e.g 9 from 963. There could be counter arguments to this but Im not listening.

- 11) 2 clubs 12) 9 diamonds 13) 2 clubs 14) 9 diamonds

15) the leader registered that partner hadn't doubled 2C for a club lead; and that declarer had hearts and dummy had spades. Therefore ...maybe ...partner had diamonds.
Well that's what you will tell partner in the post-mortem.

- 16) (i) opener's reverse promised 17+ so responder should raise to 4h
(ii) again the reverse showed 17 and so partner should bid 3NT

17)Win Ace hearts. Send a heart back at trick 2 (TO CREATE A VOID IN DUMMY).
When next on lead , lead a heart and ruff it. One would be happy to partner a player who spotted this line. Less so the player who blithely drew trumps and took the club finesse.

- 18) 1)Ace hearts 2) A Diamonds 3) K diamonds 4)K clbs 5)Q clubs overtake with Ace
- 6) J clubs throwing a heart 7)Q diamonds throwing a heart 8) draw trumps
le we had to discard losers before drawing trumps as we were bound to lose the lead when we started on trumps and then would lose 2 more hearts

