

Australian Spring 2010 @ Sydney – Women’s Finals

A good analysis and excellent partnership understanding.

Board 4 Dealer West Vul : Both	NORTH ♠ QJ8764 ♥ J652 ♦ -- ♣ 975	
WEST ♠ K52 ♥ -- ♦ KJ7642 ♣ AK43		EAST ♠ A1093 ♥ AK10 ♦ A10 ♣ QJ82
	SOUTH ♠ -- ♥ Q98743 ♦ Q9853 ♣ 106	

West	North	East	South	Other Room >	W	N	E	S
1Diamond	1 Spade	2 Club	Pass		1 D	1S	3NT	P
3 Heart*	Pass	3 Spade	Pass		5D	All Pass		
4 Diamond	Pass	4 NT	Pass					
5 Heart	Pass	6 Club	Pass					
Pass	X (1)	All Pass	Pass					

* Agreed clubs and a splinter bid

(1) > What does this Double mean? In a voluntarily bid slam, this double asks partner not to lead Spade, the suit North bid, nor Trumps. West’s Splinter bid has shown shortness in Hearts with West. So, Could it be Diamond - the dummy’s first bid suit? South analyses that Partner has Spades and South knows that due to her void, both opponents have some Spades. West has bid Diamond in which south has 5 cards and hence North is likely to be void in Diamond. South beautifully leads Diamond 9 asking for Spades which Partner dutifully obeys – went 3 down A good analysis and lead by South Tobin.

In other room, west jumps to 5 Diamond and made the contract. The score for this Board was 16 IMPs to Pitt team. Of course the team lost the title by 3 IMPs.