

**Board N 22828-1513**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 4  
♥ 2  
♦ A Q 10 7 5  
♣ 9 7 5 3

♠ K 9 7 5 3  
♥ J 8 7 6  
♦ K 6  
♣ 8 6



♠ 10 8 6  
♥ 9 5 3  
♦ J 8 2  
♣ A K 10 2

♠ Q 2  
♥ A K Q 10 4  
♦ 9 4 3  
♣ Q J 4

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Dbl	3 ♥	All pass	

**3 ♥ by South****Bidding Commentary:**

You have 14 HCP, but outside the heart suit, the values are soft. However, your hand is robust enough to make an opening 1 ♥ bid. West makes a takeout double with a slightly off shape hand. The double gives your partner the ability to describe his hand more accurately than if West had passed. With 10 or more points, he would have redoubled. Since he supported your hearts, he is saying he doesn't have 10 points and because he jumped to 3 ♥, he is showing 4 hearts. He is following the Law of Total Tricks and responding to the level corresponding to 9 hearts. After East passes his partner's takeout double, you will certainly pass.

**Play Commentary:**

The safest lead for West is the ♣ 7. This is a BOSTON lead, the top of nothing. It's best to lead the second highest card, saving the ♣ 9 for a possible pusher. Counting losers, you have one spade, three diamonds and two clubs - six in all. Since that's two too many, you must do some planning.

The only way to eliminate those two losers is to trump them in the dummy. If the opponents take their ♣ AK, you get a diamond discard on the ♣ Q. Now you can lose a diamond and ruff the two remaining diamonds.

You must be careful to only pull two rounds of trump. You need the other two hearts to ruff those losers. You should end up with 1 spade, 5 hearts, 1 club and 2 diamond ruffs - making 3 ♥.