


# Road Map

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**Board 6**  
 East Deals  
 E-W Vul

<p>♠ Q J 10 9 6 5 3          ♥ 8          ♦ 8 5          ♣ 5 4 3</p>		<p>♠ 4          ♥ 9 7 6 5          ♦ A 9 6 3 2          ♣ A K Q</p>	<p>♠ K          ♥ K Q J 10          ♦ K Q J 10 4          ♣ 10 7 6</p>
<p>West</p> <p>2 ♠          Pass</p> <p>4 ♥ x by South          Lead: ♠ Q</p>	<p>North</p> <p>♠ A 8 7 2          ♥ A 4 3 2          ♦ 7          ♣ J 9 8 2</p> <p>Dbl          Pass</p>	<p>East</p> <p>1 ♦          Pass          Dbl</p>	<p>South</p> <p>Pass          4 ♥          All pass</p>

If the North-South hands look familiar, that's because they were featured in yesterday's Daily Deal. But the East-West hands have been changed, and East, who now has four trumps, could not resist doubling four hearts. That was not a wise move, as we are about to see.

Yesterday, in the absence of a double, declarer played for 3-2 trumps, and as that turned out to be the case, ten tricks could be made by winning the spade lead, and ducking a round of trumps at trick two. Declarer could win the return, draw just one more round of trumps and, leaving one trump at large, could cash winners and cross-ruff his way to ten tricks.

But today declarer has to make ten tricks after East has doubled. Now it seems likely that East has four trumps and ducking a trump at trick two will not work. East wins and returns a trump, and will later get in (with a spade over-ruff or a club ruff), draw another round of trumps and leave declarer a trick short. So, guided by the double, declarer does not duck a trump at trick two. Instead, he cashes the ♥A and goes for three diamond ruffs in his hand (confident that West is now out of trumps and cannot over-ruff). The play goes: ♠A; ♥A; ♦A; diamond ruff; ♣A; diamond ruff; ♣K; ♣Q; diamond ruff. That's nine tricks and when the ♣J is played next, there will be a tenth trick, one way or another.

No doubt East's double seemed like a good idea at the time, but in fact it only served to give declarer a road map to the winning line of play, by alerting him to the likely 4-1 trump split.