

Our final deal illustrates the point that it is often disappointing news for both partners to have a singleton in the same suit - as one half of the world's top female partnership, Daniele Von Arnim of Germany, found to her cost.

		Dealer	South	North-South	Vulnerable			
		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p>North</p> <p>♠ KQ1096</p> <p>♥ 542</p> <p>♦ Q1086</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"> <p>East</p> <p>♠ J4</p> <p>♥ 6</p> <p>♦ 975</p> <p>♣ KQJ9872</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"> <p>South</p> <p>1♥</p> <p>4♦</p> <p>pass</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"> <p>West</p> <p>pass</p> <p>5♣</p> <p>pass</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"> <p>North</p> <p>1♠</p> <p>6♦</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"> <p>East</p> <p>4♣</p> <p>pass</p> </div> </div>						
						The Bidding		
<p>West</p> <p>♠ 7532</p> <p>♥ QJ83</p> <p>♦ K</p> <p>♣ 10643</p>	<p>♣ A</p>							
		<p>South</p> <p>♠ A8</p> <p>♥ AK1097</p> <p>♦ AJ432</p> <p>♣ 5</p>						

Declarer won West's club lead with the ace and ran the queen of diamonds to West's king, West exiting passively with the queen of hearts. She won the king, drew trumps and played out all her red suit winners. East revealed a singleton heart, three diamonds, and presumably seven clubs for his Four Club bid, so declarer placed him with just a doubleton spade. With West holding four spades and therefore twice as likely to hold the knave, she cashed the ace of spades and then finessed dummy's knave. Unlucky! East won the knave and tabled his last three cards, all winning clubs.