

BRIDGE

How would you respond to a take-out double on those South cards? Since South held six cards in the other major, along with seven high-card points and a singleton diamond, he was entirely correct to respond 3H. A single-jump response in a major suggests around 8-10 points. In a minor suit, where the target is usually 3NT, you might hold as many as 11 points for a single-jump response. West led the ace and king of spades and continued with a third round, to kill dummy's jack. East ruffed and declarer overruffed. How would you have continued? Declarer drew trumps in two rounds and cashed the ace and king of diamonds, throwing a club. He then ruffed a diamond, eliminating that suit. A third round of trumps returned the lead to dummy. In the four-card ending both dummy and declarer held one trump and three clubs and the scene was set for an end-play. Declarer led a low club from dummy and inserted the nine from his hand. West won with the jack and then had two losing alternatives. He could return a club from the king, allowing declarer to run this to the queen, or he could give a ruff-and-discard. Ten tricks to declarer either way. Next weekend the Lederer Trophy will be contested at the Young Chelsea Club.

NORTH

♠ J 10 2
♥ A Q J 8
♦ A K 8
♣ A 6 2

WEST

♠ A K 9 6 5 3
♥ 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ K J 4

EAST

♠ 7 4
♥ 9 3
♦ Q J 7 4 3 2
♣ 10 7 5

SOUTH

♠ Q 8
♥ K 10 7 6 5 4
♦ 5
♣ Q 9 8 3

West	North	East	South
1S	Dble	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	Pass	

This is a great chance to sit at the elbow of top international stars and see them play (or you can watch on VuGraph). The play is from 1pm to 8.15pm on 25 October, and from 1pm to 6.30pm on 26 October. Visit www.metrobridge.co.uk for more details.

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