

## DOUBLE AND REDOUBLE

I recently played this hand on iBridgePlus, the bridge playing app on my iPad. It was played as part of a team game where my score is determined by a comparison of another pair playing the same hand. I was South and both sides were vulnerable:

♠ 87  
♥ KQJ853  
♦ AQ8  
♣ AK

I counted 19 HCP and with the 5-card major suit, opened 1♥. My LHO doubled for takeout and my partner redoubled. This should show 10 or more points and usually implies that he does not have a fit for hearts. My RHO passed and it was back to me. I considered passing and seeing what West would bid. On the other hand, I didn't want to miss a vulnerable game and possibly a slam. We did have a minimum of about 30 points.

I jumped to 3♥ to show a hand of 16 or more points. My partner raised me to 4♥

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Dbl	Redbl	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♠ 10 and this dummy comes down.

	North
	♠ AKJ3
	♥ 9
	♦ 10653
	♣ J1085
West	
♠ 10	
	♠ 87
	♥ KQJ853
	♦ AQ8
	♣ AK

I saw 1 heart loser and possibly 2 diamond losers. All the defender's points must be in West to justify his double. Therefore, the diamond finesse would be off side.

I won the ♠A and led the ♥9 to my ♥J. West took his ♥A and led another spade. I took the ♠K and led a low spade to my hand. I figured West for 4 spades (since he doubled), and East for 3 spades including the ♠Q. East had to play his queen and I ruffed it with the ♥3. I now cleared the trump with my high hearts, took my top clubs and threw West in with the ♦8. He took his good ♣Q and I discarded the ♦Q. The next two tricks were mine.

I made my contract and thought the +620 points would be duplicated in the other room. When I checked their results, I was horrified.

The other South had done what I contemplated doing over my partner's redouble. He passed and West bid 1♠. My partner doubled this and South passed the double. West played in 1♠ doubled. He went down 4 tricks for a -1100. For all my scheming and good play, I lost 10 imps on the deal.

Here is the entire deal:

11 D	N North	W	N	E	S
	♠ AKJ3 ♥ 9 ♦ 10653 ♣ J1085	X	XX	P	1♥ 3♥
W West		P	4♥	P	P
♠ 10942 ♥ A10 ♦ KJ97 ♣ Q74		P			
	E East				
	♠ 87 ♥ KQJ853 ♦ AQ8 ♣ AK				
					4♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0

You can see how this hand should be played by clicking on this link: <http://tinyurl.com/hx2opa7> , or copy and paste it into your browser. Click on the "Next" button on the bottom to advance through each trick. Alternatively, by clicking on "Play" you can play all four hands and see if you can make the hand on your own.