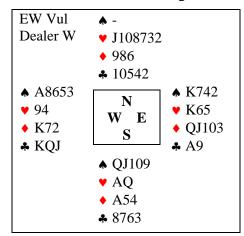


# **Lesson 24 Examples**

### How doubles work in practice:



You sit South, and West is dealer

West opens 1 • and East naturally raises to game with his 13 HCP and 4-card support.

You think "I have 2 trump tricks and 2 aces, 4 tricks in defence This game will not make".

You can double to let E/W know they are unlucky this time. Here 4 must fail, and if North leads a heart it goes 2 down. NS score 200 for 1 down doubled, 500 for 2 down.

Big scores!

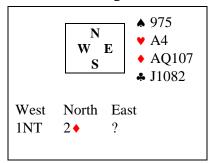
The bidding went: West

West North East South

1♠ Pass 4♠ Double

Pass Pass Pass

#### **Another example:**



Partner opens 1NT and North overcalls 2◆

We can assume that North has a 6-card diamond suit (something like KJ9864) and some high cards outside East's thoughts are: "Partner has 12-14 HCP and a balanced hand. He has at least 2 diamonds, and we have at least 23HCP between us. It is unlikely that North can make 8 tricks in diamonds with at most 17 HCP and 7 trump between the N/S hands".

So he doubles!

### Where the Double applies:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	3NT	Double
1 <b>••</b>	Dage	Dage	9

South doubles because he does not think 3NT will make.

If everybody passes the final contract is 3NT doubled.

But what if West bids again?

 $4 \checkmark$  has not been doubled - the double of 3NT does not apply.

If South believes 4♥ will not make either he can double again. If he is unsure he can pass.

The double applies only if the doubled contract is the final contract

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	1♥	1 ♠
3♦	Pass	<b>4</b> ♦	Pass
<b>5</b> ♦	Double	Redouble5♠	
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North thinks 5♦ is going down, so he doubles

West is confident that partner will make  $5 \blacklozenge$ , and redoubles

If South, West and North pass the final contract is 5 ♦ redoubled

But South has doubts and bids 5. Now all the doubles are cancelled

East expresses the view that 5♠ will not make

Everybody passes, and 5 \( \text{doubled} \) doubled is the final contract.



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### Examples of computing scores after a penalty double

We reach 2♥ doubled. We are not vulnerable, and we succeed in making 9 tricks. We score 570 as follows:

 Trick points (4x30)
 120

 Overtrick
 100

 Game bonus
 300

 Extra bonus
 50

 570

### The more common scores gradually become familiar!

Final contract 2♠, making 8 tricks

undoubled 110/110 doubled 470/670 redoubled 840/1240

Final contract 3NT, making 9 tricks

undoubled 400/600 doubled 550/750 redoubled 800/1000

Final contract 1NT, making 7 tricks

undoubled 90/90 doubled 180/180 redoubled 560/760

### When is double penalty?

Note the difference from takeout doubles: most doubles are for takeout

Penalty doubles apply 1) when opponents have reached game.

- 2) When they open 1NT no takeout double if they have not bid a suit!
- 3) when partner has made a limit bid in no-trump so you know he is balanced with a certain number of points.

In other situations you should assume that double is for takeout.