

Lightner Double

e.g	N	E	S	W
	1H	P	2C	P
	2D	P	4H	P
	4NT	P	5D	P
	6H	P	P	Dble
				Q765
				543
				QJ9876
				void

West doubles the suit slam , "out of the blue".

The message West is trying to get over is that they have a void and if East happened to lead the suit West is void in , then of course ,West could trump the opening lead.

Responding to a take out double

e.g	N	E	S	W
	1H	Double	2H	4Sp
				AQ76
				43
				KJ876
				A4

West responds to their partner's takeout double by :-

- i) *choosing* the level they wish to play at
- ii) *choosing* the suit they want to play in

West with 14 pts (opposite their partner's known 12 pts) knows to bid game. West can bid Diamonds or Spades. Spades is the choice as of course 4Sp is easier than 5D. NB West has only a four card spade suit but expects partner to have (usually) at least 4Spades. A bid of only 3S by West would be very feeble.

Rule of 11 (for declarer)

Declarer is in 3NT and receives the 6 diamond lead.

(declarer)	(dummy)	It is not a difficult hand to play but it will be easier to make if the correct Diamond card is played at trick 1. Declarer deduces that the right hand opp has only 1 card higher than the led 6. The best play is to play the 9. Should the 9 be headed by a higher card {like the 10} ,declarer KNOWs where Queen must lie { and later finesses the Jack }.
AK76	985	
AQ	5432	
A43	KJ9	
QJ87	K102	

