

HB16 – doubling and bidding over 1NT

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<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 982 ♥ A54 ♦ AKQ876 ♣ 3</p> <p>♠ K64 ♠ QJ10 ♥ KJ8 ♥ Q103 ♦ 543 ♦ J2 ♣ AK84 ♣ QJ765</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ A753 ♥ 9762 ♦ 109 ♣ 1092</p>	<p>Board 4 : Dealer West : All vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>West</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>North</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>East</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>South</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1NT</td> <td>Dbl</td> <td>2♣</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♦</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Double of a 12-14 1NT shows 16+ HCP: possibly fewer if the doubler has a good source of tricks. East knows his side has the majority of the points but with all queens and jacks he knows 1NT could be hazardous. With a 5-card suit he signs off in 2♣. Note that 2♣ is not Stayman. Stayman and transfers only apply if opponents are silent. 2♦ makes for North, but East/West would have conceded -500 in 1NT doubled.</p>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	1NT	Dbl	2♣	Pass	Pass	2♦	All Pass	
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