

## No Double, No Trouble

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On Board 16 of Round 7, the South player was doomed to go down in 4♠, without seeing all the cards. However, the Hungarian South got a little help from his opponents.

*Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.*

	♠9 7 3 ♥K 6 ♦K 8 7 6 ♣K 10 5 2	
♠K Q 5 ♥J 9 8 3 ♦5 4 ♣A Q J 3		♠8 ♥Q 10 7 5 2 ♦Q J 2 ♣9 7 6 4
	♠A J 10 6 4 2 ♥A 4 ♦A 10 9 3 ♣8	

West	North <i>Mráz</i>	East	South <i>Szegedi</i>
1NT(i)	Pass	2♦(ii)	2♠
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

(i) 12-14

(ii) Transfer to hearts

West led a heart and Balázs Szegedi won East's queen in hand and led a club to West's ace. Had West returned a passive heart, Szegedi could have played him to hold something like:

♠K Q x x  
 ♥J x x x  
 ♦J x  
 ♣A Q x

and tried for a minor-suit squeeze against East. But West played a very descriptive ♦5 instead. Declarer read the position well. He won the ♦K then played ♣K, pitching a diamond, and ruffed a club, cashed the ♦A and led a heart to the king for a second club ruff with the ♠10. Finally, Szegedi led a low spade towards dummy's nine. West could win but then had to either give up his second trump trick or lead a heart for a ruff and discard, eliminating declarer's diamond loser. So that meant +590 — an expensive double, without which it would have been tough to find the winning line.