Board 15 West Deals E-W Vul	Bad Split -) 9 . Q					
	W	Е					
	♠ K 4						
♥ J 9 5 4 3 ♦ 4 2							
♦ K 6 5 3							
West	North	East	South				
	Andrew		Pete				
Pass	1 💠	Pass	1 ♥				
2 👫	Dbl^1	Pass	2 ♥				
Pass	3 ♣ ²	Pass	3 ♥				

All pass

- 1. Support double (exactly three hearts)
- 2. Big hand
- 3 ♥ by South

[deal rotated for convenience]

Join me for an ACBL matchpoint pairs game on BBO.

My 2 \heartsuit bid did not guarantee a fifth heart. Would you jump to 4 \heartsuit on my broken suit? 3 NT does not looks attractive, either - especially after dummy comes down. No matter, we are in 3 \heartsuit .

West leads the ♦ 9, jack, queen, four. Back comes the ♣ 10, three, ace, two. Hoping East can ruff, West continues ♣ 4, queen, eight, five. Welcome to dummy.

Hoping to ruff my losing club on dummy, I continued \clubsuit 9, three, king, ace. West obliged by leading the \clubsuit 7, \heartsuit A, \spadesuit 7, \clubsuit 6. Time to draw trump. \heartsuit K, two, three, seven. \heartsuit Q, six, four, \spadesuit 2. Oops!

	Bad Sp	lit Co	ntinued				
Board 15	^	Q 10					
West Deals	\Diamond	_					
E-W Vul	\Diamond	A 10 7	6				
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		N					
		W E					
		S					
	^	4					
	_	J 9 5					
∨ 3 9 3							
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West	Nortl		East	South			
West			Last	Pete			
Dogg	Andrew						
Pass	1 ♦		Pass	1 \(\times \)			
2 ♣	Dbl ¹		Pass	2 🛡			
Pass	3 ♣ ²		Pass	3 ♥			
All pass							
1. Sup	port dou	ble (exa	ctly three l	nearts)			
2. Big	hand						
3 ♥ by S	outh						
Trick	Lead	2nd	3rd	4th			
1. W	♦9	J	Q	4			
2. E	4 10	3	<u>A</u>	2			

Q

3

2

6

 ∇A

8

K

3

4

^ 7

5

A

6

7

4 2

How would you proceed?

4

4 9

. 7

OK

 $\triangle O$

3. W

4. N

5. W

6. N

7. N

Board 15 West Deals E-W Vul	Bad Spli	_	nued						
♠ 4♡ J 9◇ —									
***	♣ K			G 41					
West	North	Eas	t	South					
	Andre			Pete					
Pass	1 💠	Pas	S	1 ♡					
2 🚓	Dbl^1	Pas	S	2♥					
Pass	3 + 2	Pass	S	3♥					
All pass									
1. Sup	port doubl	e (exactly	three h	earts)					
2. Big	hand								
3 ♥ by So									
Trick		2nd	3rd	4th					
	♦9	J	Q	4					
	4 10	3	Ā	2					
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The point is to try to avoid losing a trump by executing a trump coup. Play the \diamond A, and ruff a diamond in hand, reducing our trump length to the same as East's. Continue.

Q

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2

6

3

K

 ∇A

\$4

4 9

\$ 7

 $\triangle K$

 ∇Q

♦ A

\$6

3. W

4. N

5. W

6. N

7. N

8. N

9. N

8

K

3

4

2

♥ 5

^ 7

5

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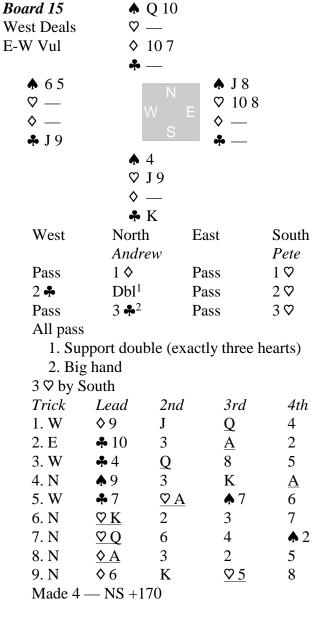
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Bad Split -- Solution

Board 15

Good news! The diamonds split, and they are good. We need that, because we cannot cash our club winner, which East would ruff.

Lead to the ♠ Q on dummy. When East cannot ruff, East is out of chances. Play the \diamond 10. If East ruffs, overruff, draw the outstanding trump, and the & K wins the last trick.

East can postpone the inevitable by discarding on the \diamond 10, but we counter by discarding the \clubsuit K. Lead either card from dummy and cover the trump that East must play.

3 ∇ making four (+170), losing only one trick in each side suit, was worth 67.5% on the board.