

Blue Card Is Overdone
Vulnerability E/W
Dealer: East

NORTH			
	♠954		
	♥1063		
	♦93		
	♣QJ96		
WEST		EAST	
♠void		♠AKJ87632	
♥KJ93		♥7	
♦A864		♦Q2	
♣AK874		♣53	
	SOUTH		
	♠Q10		
	♥AQ852		
	♦KJ1075		
	♣10		

Bidding:

South	West	North	East
			4S
4NT	X	5C	P
P	X	P	P
XX	P	5D	P
P	X	XX	P
5H	X	P	P
P			

The bid of 4NT is a two suited takeout. West doubles and north bids clubs, his best suit. South is willing to play anything undoubled, so he passes. West doubles 5C hoping that this is where the contract will be played. South redoubles saying that he had the red suits. North now bids 5D rather than 5H because he wants the hand to be played from the south side. West doubles for the third time and now it is North that redoubles, telling partner to bid hearts, which is doubled and is the final contract.

The good news for north south is that west has no spades to lead, so he starts with the ace of clubs. West continues clubs but now declarer can play a low heart toward the 10 and the defense gets no spade tricks. Declarer makes eight tricks in hearts for down three and a cold top.

East-West can make six spades from the east side, and he has no options but to try to drop the queen doubleton or spades, since he has no spades in dummy to finesse the queen.

