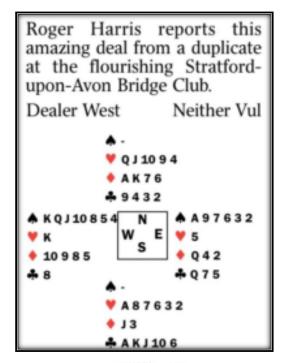
Andrew Robson answer to Roger Harris's hand.

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- (1) It's One or Three. Many would open Three (weak with seven decent spades) but the hand does satisfy the Rule of 20.
- (2) Anyone for a light take-out double?
 (3) A 4NT bid here shows a two-suiter, and is the indicated call. Partner will initially assume the minors but if you remove 5 ♦ to 5 ♥, clearly you have hearts and clubs.

North led out ace-king and a third diamond, hoping to give South a ruff (South had played jack-three). He's still waiting. Declarer won dummy's queen, crossed to a spade, "No spades, partner", "No spades, partner" coming from both sides of the table. He then cashed the fourth diamonds, shedding dummy's singleton heart, and conceded just one club. Ten tricks made and E-W +420.

	Table	Two	
S	W	N	E
	34(1)	Dbl(2)	64(3)
7 (4)	Pass	Pass	Pass(5)

- (1) Without a single defensive trick, this looks about right. It's close to a 4 pener.
- (2) I like it. When you have the perfect shape — as North does here for the take-out double — being sub-standard in high cards should not put you off.
- (3) It's the sound principle of making only one supporting bid in a competitive auction — to your limit. You can then let the opponents make their own arrangements.
- (4) All in. This looks right as 7♥ will make opposite many sub-minimum doubles eg ♠xx, ♥Kxxxx, ♦Axx, ♣Qxx and clearly partner has more.
 (5) East has made his bed. He must now hope one of his minor-suit queens will win.

Declarer had to guess two suits to make 7. West's opening lead of the king of spades gave him an unhelpful ruff-and-discard but after shedding a club from dummy and ruffing in hand, he got hearts right (a priori 52-48 per cent) by laying down the ace.

Declarer now cashed the ace of clubs — there was no point in wasting time if the queen fell singleton; it did not. Now delaying the club guess for a while, declarer crossed to the ace-king of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. He returned to a heart and ruffed a fourth diamond. With West showing up with four diamonds, it was likely he was his actual 7♠1♥4♦1♣ shape. Declarer crossed to a heart, led a club to the jack and was soon chalking up his grand slam. N-S +1,510.

The par result is 7♠ doubled minus four: N-S +800.