North deals, NS vulnerable.

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              ♠ 7643
              ♡ KQ85
              ◇ 4
              ♣ J1094
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West	North	East	South
-	1NT(15-17)	2◇(◇s)	?

Does South bid? To answer, South asks, do I have a shortage in the opponents' suit? Yes, as I have a singleton in their suit I will stretch to bid. Do I have enough strength to compete? Yes, our side (NS) has more strength than EW. Even if South's ♡Q was ♡2, South would be strong enough to bid. Give North 16 points plus 4 points = 20 points = half of the total points. Yes, South is definitely bidding.

What should South bid? This is a textbook double. Double asks North to choose a suit, and to try to choose a major. If South were to bid a suit, they would promise at least five cards in the suit. For example, with ♠764 ♡KQ853 ◇4 ♣J1094, South would bid 2♡.

North bids 2♡ in response to South's double, now South has a trump fit, their singleton has value. South raises 2♡ to 3♡.

West	North	East	South
-	1NT(15-17)	2◇(◇s)	dbl
pass	2♡	pass	3♡
pass	?		

North holds:

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              ♠ QJ92
              ♡ J964
              ◇ AJ
              ♣ AQ8
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Should North continue onto 4♡? No, I would pass 3♡. North has only 15 points and knows after East bid 2◇ their ◇J is a wasted value.

Results at the Club: What was the result in 3♡? North will make at least 9 tricks but if North plays well, together with a lucky lie of the cards, they can make 10 tricks. Making 9 tricks scored 61%, making 10 tricks scored 78%.

If South's hand was ♠7643 ♡K852 ◇4 ♣J1094, they'd still double 2◇, but now they'd pass North's response of 2♡.

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