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Dealer : East Vul : Both	<b>NORTH</b> ♠ A J 7 5 ♥ Void ♦ A Q 4 ♣ A K Q J 10 2	
<b>WEST</b> ♠ Q 6 ♥ J 3 ♦ K 10 9 8 7 2 ♣ 9 8 7		<b>EAST</b> ♠ 10 2 ♥ A K 9 7 5 4 ♦ J 3 ♣ 6 5 4
	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠ K 9 8 4 3 ♥ Q 10 8 6 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ 3	

South	West	North	East
--	--	--	2 Heart
Pass	Pass	X	All Pass

Opening lead: Six of ♦

We have seen some strange goings-on at the bridge table, but you will have to go a long way to equal what transpired on this deal from the Trials to select an American team for the World Championship.

East-West were playing weak two-bids, and there can be no disputing that East's hand was weak! Indeed, it could not possibly have worse distribution. We can ignore the play. Suffice it to say that East scraped together four tricks for -1,100 points.

This was the auction at the other table:

South	West	North	East
--	--	--	2 Diamond
Pass	Pass	X	Pass
2 Spade	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 Diamond	Pass	6 Spade	All Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♥

Here, the two diamonds was a 'Multi', showing a weak two in an undisclosed major. North-South reached six spades in short order and made all 13 tricks for a score of 1,460 points, a net gain of 8 IMPs.

Does this mean that the Multi is superior to the old-fashioned weak two-bid? We are awaiting further research.

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