

3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

to the ace of hearts, ruffed dummy's last diamond, and then ducked a club, hoping that the defense could not take three club tricks.

CLASSIC REWIND

FORWARD LOOK

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East dealer; North-South vulnerable

		NORTH	
		♠ K J 7	
		♥ J 8 4	
		♦ A 9 5 3	
		♣ K J 3	
WEST		EAST	
♠ 8 6 2		♠ A 4	
♥ 3		♥ AK 10 9 7 6	
♦ Q J 8 2		♦ 10 7 6	
♣ 9 7 5 4 2		♣ A 8	
		SOUTH	
		♠ Q 10 9 5 3	
		♥ Q 5 2	
		♦ K 4	
		♣ Q 10 6	
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	—	—	1 ♥
Pass	Pass	1 NT	2 ♥
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

In this par-contest deal, West is directed to lead the heart three against South's two spades.

East wins the opening lead with the king of hearts, and a second round discloses his partner's void. If East makes the obvious continuation of a third heart to give his partner a ruff, he will find that there are no defensive tricks to follow, apart from the black aces.

East should see the possibility of a club ruff and play that suit at once, while West has an entry. After ace and another club, East goes up with the ace of spades on the first round, gives his partner a ruff in hearts, and is rewarded with a club ruff in return.

Ruff at trick two, draw trumps, continue with the king, ace and clubs. If West wins this trick (club finesse would have succeeded) will be endplayed.

If East wins the third round, his only safe return is a low diamond. Play the ten; if West covers with the jack, win and lead up to the king of diamonds (succeeding in diamonds). East has the jack, the ace, or five

Solution B

		NORTH	
		♠ AKQJ7	
		♥ QJ10	
		♦ J9875	
		♣ —	
WEST		EAST	
♠ —		♠ 10	
♥ K98642		♥ 7 3	
♦ —		♦ 10	
♣ KQJ9852		♣ 10	
		SOUTH	
		♠ 643	
		♥ A5	
		♦ AKQ6	
		♣ A643	

Seven diamonds by South Lead: Cl