

Lindsay's Challenge - August 2019 newsletter:

Challenge 1

North

♠ A 9 8 2

♥ A 9 8 2

♦ 7

♣ 5 4 3 2

West

♠ Q J 10

♥ Q J 10

♦ J 10 9 8

♣ 10 9 8

East

♠ 7 6 5 4 3

♥ 7 6 5 4 3

♦ 6

♣ 7 6

South

♠ K

♥ K

♦ A K Q 5 4 3 2

♣ A K Q J

Given you can see the cards in all 4 hands and defenders make the best decision they can, how can South make Seven No Trumps after West leads a club?

Play four clubs. West must discard a major suit to protect the 4 diamonds. Play the King of that major, playing the 2 in dummy, then enter dummy with the other major. Run three good tricks. This again squeezes West who must discard either a diamond or the winning Queen of the other major. A most unusual three suit squeeze produces three tricks in no-trumps. Of course, if West leads a diamond at the start the communication between the declarer and dummy is cut and the contract is impossible to make!