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Challenge 23



How can South make Five No Trumps when West leads the Spade 4?

In order to run the clubs, South needs three entries into the North hand. Two are there already but a third must be forced. South wins the spade Ace and leads the Jack of hearts. West is immediately under pressure but must take the Queen or it will never be made. West leads the diamond 10 and declarer wins with the Ace and discards the Queen to unblock the suit. After a deep club finesse South plays the Ace and four of hearts and West is in again and has no alternative but to lead diamonds and allow another entry or to lead a club and make the entry unnecessary