

Lindsay's Challenge - February 2023 Newsletter

Challenge 21

<i>North</i>		
♠ K 9 7		
♥ A Q 8		
♦ A Q 9 3		
♣ J 8 3		
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>
♠ 5 3 2		♠ A Q J 10
♥ J 10 2		♥ K 7 6 5 4 3
♦ J 10 8 6		♦ 7 5 2
♣ 7 5 4		♣
<i>South</i>		
♠ 8 6 4		
♥ 9		
♦ K 4		
♣ A K Q 10 9 6 2		

How can South make Six Clubs after West leads the Jack of Hearts?

This is a very rare type of squeeze. A spade lead defeats the contract immediately. When West does not lead a spade South can squeeze West out of spades (to preserve the heart and diamond honours. Then West is thrown in with a heart to force the lead of a diamond.

South wins the first trick with the heart Ace and then leads the heart Queen. East covers with the heart King which is ruffed with a small club. Six rounds of clubs are now played and all of North's spades are discarded. The King and 4 of diamonds force West to split honours and when West is thrown in with a heart lead from North, whichever diamond West leads is then won by North.