

Lindsay's Challenge - May 2022 Newsletter

Challenge 18

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

How can South make Five No Trumps when West leads the Four of Spades?

In order to run the clubs South needs three entries into the North hand. Two are there - a third must be forced. Lead the Jack of hearts. West must capture and is immediately under pressure.

To avoid giving the entry West leads the diamond 10. Declarer captures this with the King and unblocks the Queen.

After a successful club finesse, South plays the Ace and four of hearts and West is on lead again with no alternative but to allow another entry with the diamond 8 or to lead a club and make the entry unnecessary.