

Lindsay's Challenge - May 2023 Newsletter

Challenge 22

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

How can South make Four No Trumps when West leads the Spade 7?

South captures the first trick with the spade King then plays the diamond Queen. West must cover this for the best defence and North wins with the Ace. North's two top spades are now played, with South throwing two diamonds. North leads another spade, throwing the last diamond in hand. East wins the spade lead, cashes the good diamond then leads a small heart. When North's good spades are played, West must reduce to four cards - three clubs and a diamond. A diamond lead now throws West in for a club return and South makes the last 3 tricks.