

From Lindsay's File

Double Simple Coup

North

♠ 7 2

♥ Q J 6

♦ Q 8 6 2

♣ Q 10 5 3

West

♠ 8

♥ 4 3

♦ J 10 9 4 3

♣ K J 7 6 4

East

♠ J 6 5 3

♥ 10 9 8 2

♦ K 7

♣ 9 8 2

South

♠ A K Q 10 9 4

♥ A K 7 5

♦ A 5

♣ A

How can South make 6 Spades with J diamonds lead from West?

When trumps break badly, it is possible at times to pick up defenders' winners by means of a reduction play. After the bad break was discovered on the second round of trumps, declarer needed a trump coup, along with being lucky enough to discover the side suits favourably distributed.