

Lindsay's Challenge - November 2022 Newsletter

Challenge 20

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

How can South make Six No Trumps after West leads the Queen of Spades?

South wins the spade Queen with the spade Ace, discarding a small diamond from dummy. The diamond Jack is led to the diamond Ace. The club two from North is won by either the club Jack or the club Ace according to which card East plays. South takes two more club tricks, plays the heart Ace and heart King, then leads the diamond ten to North's diamond King. West is thrown in with the club five, with South discarding the heart Queen. West must now lead a heart which North wins with the heart ten, while South unblocks the diamonds by discarding the diamond nine. This means all North's remaining diamonds are good for the last 3 tricks.