

October 8, 2022

Bridge with Richard Ward

NORTH		N / ALL VUL	
♠	J 10 3		
♥	Q 10 5 2		
♦	A K J 2		
♣	10 3		
WEST		EAST	
♠	-	♠	K 9 7 4
♥	9 7 4 3	♥	K J 8 6
♦	10 9 8 7 5	♦	Q 6 3
♣	Q 9 6 4	♣	5 2
SOUTH			
♠	A Q 8 6 5 2		
♥	A		
♦	4		
♣	A K J 8 7		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	PASS	PASS	1S
PASS	3S	PASS	4NT
PASS	5D	PASS	6S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

North's three spade bid was the old-fashioned limit-raise variety which was all South needed to check for key cards and bid the slam. West led the ten of diamonds and declarer could see that the slam would make if the black suit losers could be held to just one. The straightforward line was to start with trumps, SJ-4-2-H3 (!). The bad break was problematic but not insurmountable. Trick three went S10-K-A-D5 and declarer realised that, provided East had at least two clubs, the contract was assured by leading the jack of clubs next. If either opponent (in this case West) won the trick, the ten of clubs would be an entry to dummy allowing the trumps to be picked up without loss. If the jack of clubs was allowed to win, ace and another club would be ruffed and over-ruffed, but now trumps could be drawn with the South hand having no losers.

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