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## Bridge with Richard Ward

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NORTH		S/ NIL VUL/ TEAMS
♠	8 5 3 2	
♥	K J 5	
♦	A 7 4	
♣	A 10 6	
WEST	EAST	
♠	A K Q J 7	♠ 9 6 4
♥	8 6 3 2	♥ 4
♦	J 9 2	♦ Q 10 8 5
♣	7	♣ K 8 5 4 2
SOUTH		
♠	10	
♥	A Q 10 9 7	
♦	K 6 3	
♣	Q J 9 3	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1S	2S	PASS	1H
PASS	PASS	PASS	4H

In a teams match, North's 2S bid promised an invitational raise or better in hearts. South, with good distribution, had enough to reach game. This deceptively simple hand came unstuck for one declarer when West began with two top spades, ruffed. Trumps were drawn in four rounds and, when East later won with the king of clubs and was able to produce a spade, this declarer finished up with only eight tricks. The other declarer chose to discard a diamond on the second spade and ruff the third. This time, when East won the king of clubs, spades could not be continued. Discarding the diamond at trick two was a simple loser-on-loser play to cater for trumps being 4-1 and the king of clubs being offside. Interestingly, had West started proceedings with the singleton club lead, declarer would rise with the ace and make an easy ten tricks: five hearts, two diamonds and three clubs.

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