

This Hand came up last week:

Dealer S, NS Vul

	K95	
	AKQ542	
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	Q842	
J10764		82
J6		10987
763		J92
AK7		10653
	AQ3	
	3	
	AKQ10854	
	J9	

BIDDING

S	W	N	E
1D	1S	2H	P
3NT(1)	P	4H	P
6D (2)			

- (1) Hoping partner has some Club Cover
- (2) Aggressive bidding.....

THE PLAY

West led CA, and Declarer sank in his chair after Dummy came down. 2 Club losers straight away

He hoped - maybe East has CK, and West will not continue Clubs?

He played C2 from Dummy, East played C6 (Declarer dared not ask if that was encouraging)

Then a Eureka moment – throw the CJ from Hand! [Laying the foundation for the Con Job]

Poor West – does he cash the CK? Will it be ruffed as CJ was in fact a Singleton, then setting up CQ for a discard of a loser from the South hand? Or will CK make? Should he lead something else?

West thought for a while, made noises befitting someone who was unsure. He grunted with grief, knowing he was under the microscope. Then a huff - part triumphant, part primordial, as he threw down H6....

Declarer's spirits lifted. He had survived thus far. He played HA, then a Spade to Hand, then he played off Diamonds, hoping for a 3-3 break, or if 4:2 that the DJ was with the Doubleton

Diamonds broke 3:3, he crossed to Dummy with a Spade, played another Heart, tossing the C9, glimpsed at West (who groaned in the pain of the moment), and it was all over. 6D made

A Con Job extraordinaire!

MORAL OF THE STORY

In life you should be a decent citizen, upright and caring

But in Bridge? Long live the Con Job!

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Bridge lover

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