

31- 2023 – The Fox

This Hand came up a few weeks ago, and West outfoxed Declarer:

Dealer S, All Vul

	AJ8	
	Q	
	6543	
	AKQJ5	
42		7653
AK10842		965
KJ		872
873		1096
	KQ109	
	J73	
	AQ109	
	42	

BIDDING

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
1D	2H	3C	P
3S	P	5D	P
P	P		

THE PLAY

West led HA, and saw there was no point continuing with Hearts. He then led a benign C3, South won in Dummy and played D3, East D2, South D9..... and now West must play a card.....

But which Diamond? West thought for a quick moment – South has at least 12 Points for the opening bid, and he can see 17 in North, so South will know West is very likely to have DK for the 2H overcall (vulnerable). If he plays DJ, then South may well play for the DK to drop doubleton

So, he played DK, and then another Club. South knew there was a big risk that East started with DJ872, as West jumped to 2H showing a long suit. So, he played D4, East D7 and South D10

Then the absurd happened - West won with DJ! Contract down 1

West coned South with his DK win, rather than the obvious DJ

MORAL OF THE STORY

The fox is always on the prey in bridge. Long live the fox

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