

Declarer Play – Finessing Recap

<div><div><div>♠ 95</div><div>♥ AQ3</div><div>♦ KQJ3</div><div>♣ 7643</div></div><div><div>♠ 1032</div><div>♥ J8765</div><div>♦ 7</div><div>♣ KQ98</div></div><div><div>♠ QJ</div><div>♥ K1094</div><div>♦ A986</div><div>♣ 1052</div></div><div><div>♠ AK8764</div><div>♥ 2</div><div>♦ 10542</div><div>♣ AJ</div></div></div>	<div>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love All</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>1NT</td><td>All Pass</td><td>4♠</td></tr></table> <div>West leads ♦7. East takes ♦A and returns a diamond which West ruffs. West switches to ♣K. Declarer wins ♣A and cashes ♠A K, hoping the remaining spades break 2-2. He is in luck. Therefore he can afford a club loser and does not risk the heart finesse.</div> <div>[Using transfers South would start with 2♥ and raise 2♠ to game. There's a lot to be said for the above auction – getting to the desired spot as quickly as possible, giving away little information and restricting the opponents' ability to get into the auction].</div>	West	North	East	South	Pass	1NT	All Pass	4♠				
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<div><div><div>♠ 5</div><div>♥ 7532</div><div>♦ K52</div><div>♣ K7432</div></div><div><div>♠ KQ104</div><div>♥ 986</div><div>♦ Q1097</div><div>♣ 98</div></div><div><div>♠ 98763</div><div>♥ 4</div><div>♦ J86</div><div>♣ AQJ10</div></div><div><div>♠ AJ2</div><div>♥ AKQJ10</div><div>♦ A43</div><div>♣ 65</div></div></div>	<div>Board 2 : Dealer East : NS Vulnerable</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td></td><td>Pass</td><td>1♥</td></tr><tr><td>All Pass</td><td>2♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>4♥</td></tr></table> <div>[alternative sequence : 2N (19-20) – 3♣(Stayman); 3♥ – 4♥].</div> <div>West leads ♠K, top of a sequence. Declarer wins ♠A and to be sure of his contract he should aim to ruff two spades in dummy. One possible sequence is to ruff a spade at trick 2, cash ♥A K and then ruff ♠J. Declarer then returns to his hand with ♦A and draws the last trump. If declarer starts by drawing three rounds of trumps he should fail as ♣A, sitting over the king, is badly placed.</div>	West	North	East	South	Pass		Pass	1♥	All Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
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<div><div><div>♠ KQJ</div><div>♥ 632</div><div>♦ AJ654</div><div>♣ Q6</div></div><div><div>♠ 43</div><div>♥ AK875</div><div>♦ 983</div><div>♣ K102</div></div><div><div>♠ 2</div><div>♥ 94</div><div>♦ KQ107</div><div>♣ J98754</div></div><div><div>♠ A1098765</div><div>♥ QJ10</div><div>♦ 2</div><div>♣ A3</div></div></div>	<div>Board 3 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</div> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>2♦</td><td>Pass</td><td>1♠</td></tr><tr><td>Pass</td><td>4♠</td><td>All Pass</td><td>2♠</td></tr></table> <div>West cashes ♥A K. East plays ♥9 4, high low, to encourage. West continues with a third heart which East ruffs. Maybe East now continues with ♦K. Declarer should see dummy's fifth diamond as a potential winner, to be used to discard his losing club. He wins ♦A, ruffs ♦4, crosses to ♠K, ruffs ♦5, enters dummy again with ♠Q and ruffs ♦6. The 4-3 diamond break means that ♦J is a winner. Declarer draws the last trump with ♠J and discards his losing club on ♦J.</div>	West	North	East	South	Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠
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