

Signals In Defence Recap

♠ QJ2
 ♥ A103
 ♦ K5
 ♣ AQ1052
 ♠ 108743 ♠ A6
 ♥ KQ ♥ 874
 ♦ J872 ♦ A10943
 ♣ 83 ♣ J76
 ♠ K95
 ♥ J9652
 ♦ Q6
 ♣ K94

Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1N ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2N
Pass	3 ♥ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4 ♥
All pass			
1 15-16 2 3card support			

West leads a 2nd from rubbish ♠8. East wins with the ace and returns ♠6. South is a wily old fox and has played ♠9 on the first trick (and won trick two with ♠K). Who has ♠5? East's play of ♠6 is consistent with having started with ♠A65 (because he's played back what could be the higher card from a remaining doubleton).

Declarer plays a trump towards dummy, winning with ♥A to play a second trump. On these cards East plays ♥8 followed by ♥4. This trump echo says that East wants a ruff. West now knows that East started with a doubleton spade (so declarer *was* hiding the five of spades). He returns a spade for East to ruff. East cashes ♦A before the rats get at it. Contract defeated through good defensive signalling.