

Dealer North, none vul

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The Perkins team bid 1H – 4NT – 5C (0 or 3 of 5 ‘aces’) – 5H – 6H (3 ‘aces’): a good slam although 6S would be better. East led the club ace on which West played the queen, to signal for a spade. East continued with a spade to give West a first round ruff with a singleton trump.

The Lindon team bid 1H – 4C (5D by West) 6H, reaching the same contract. But the bidding did not end there. West doubled to suggest a lead other than diamonds and also a first round ruff elsewhere. At this stage, the defence would probably have followed the same course as at the first table. South for the Lindon team realised the danger and removed to 6S which cannot be beaten.

East-West could have saved in 7D\* which is only two off.