

## Get the Best out of this Hand

Game Tuesday Evening 27/05/25 Hand No. 21

Dlr: North

Vul: N/S vul.

### Bidding

W	N	E	S
	P	1NT	P
3NT	P	P	P

### How to Play

Those playing a strong no trump on board 21 of the evening quickly reached their three no trump game. The normal spade lead by south quickly gives declarer two spade tricks, four diamond tricks and two club tricks once the ace is driven out. If the clubs behave that will be nine tricks even if the defence are able to take three heart tricks. Playing the club king from

hand seems obvious, but north will win and return their partner's suit. Not seeing through the backs of the cards declarer will win and play the clubs from the top leading to defeat. Could they have done better? Dummy has two diamond entries, the second one being a luxury declarer should take advantage of. Cross to dummy and start the club suit by leading small towards the king. Look what happens. It is certainly a long shot that north will have a singleton ace, but these small extra chances need to be looked for and brings home the contract on this hand.

**So tip of the day – look for small extra chances that will give you a better chance of success.**

	♠ 8 6 2	
	♥ A J 8 6	
	♦ 8 7 6 3 2	
	♣ A	
♠ 4 3		♠ A Q J
♥ Q 10 5		♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ K J 9		♦ A Q 10 5
♣ Q J 9 7 5		♣ K 3
	♠ K 10 9 7 5	
	♥ K 3	
	♦ 4	
	♣ 10 8 6 4 2	