## MOUNTNESSING BRIDGE CLUB

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An elegant squeeze to gain a precious over-trick...

Hand played on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**Board number** 8 (Red Section)

Dealer West
Vulnerability Love All

Submitted by Frank Morrison

	North  ♠ 6  ♥ QJ75  ♦ JT2  ♣ JT872					
West  ♣ AKQ94  ▼ T832  ◆ 5  ♣ K93		East		The E	Bidding	
	South  ♣ T3  ▼ K94  ◆ AQ9743  ♣ Q5		North No No	East 2♣ 4♠	South  2  End	West 1≜ 2♥

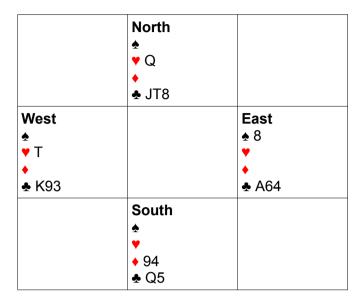
This looks like a perfectly robust 4♠ contract, with the likelihood of three losers – one in each of the three side suits. But this event was match-pointed pairs, and if the losers could be restricted to two, an excellent score would be achieved...

## Frank writes:

North started by leading the ◆J, and the trick continued 6, 7 5. North continued with the ◆T to the 8, Q, ♠4. Declarer drew trumps by cashing the Ace and King, North throwing the ♣2. Next, Declarer played a heart to Dummy's Ace, and exited via the ◆6 to South's King. South led the ◆A, ruffed by Declarer's with the ♠Q, and then Declarer ruffed a heart in Dummy, played the ♠J, to leave the following 4 card ending, with the lead in Dummy:

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When the ♠8 is played, it is immaterial what S throws, W throws ♠3 and N is squeezed in ♥s and ♠s – clearly if he throws the ♥Q then Declarer's ten becomes a winner, and if he throws a club then a club to the King and a Club back to Dummy's Ace will see Dummy's third club become good.

Declarer made several good plays, he had to keep the ◆K on table, giving South an easy but lazy exit, as one can see a Club switch at any point removes the ◆K and kills the squeeze. Also he had to draw trumps with the Ace, King and ruff the third Diamond with the ◆Q, and it was important to ruff the third Heart in case South had started with three hearts including the Jack.

That was a really good play to find at the table, and Frank was rewarded with a 100% score as nobody else found this squeeze.