**Declarer Play**

**Challenge**

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Set 1

87-90

Play Commentary

Teams Scoring Throughout

**C. Finesse**

**Problem 11**

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|  | ♠ A J 9 |  |
|  | ♥ A 7 5 2 |  |
|  | ♦ 8 6 4 |  |
|  | ♣ 7 3 2 |  |
| ♠ K 10 7 6 | **N** | ♠ Q 8 3 2 |
| ♥ 9 4 | **W E** | ♥ 10 6 |
| ♦ J 10 2 | ♦ Q 9 7 5 |
| ♣ Q J 10 5 | **S** | ♣ K 8 6 |
|  | ♠ 5 4 |  |
|  | ♥ K Q J 8 3 | 9 |
|  | ♦ A K 3 | 7 7 |
|  | ♣ A 9 4 | 17 |

You Are South And In 4♥

West Leads The ♣Q

**Play :**

You have 9 tricks and need to find one more.

Another way of looking at it is you need to use an imbalance between your hand and dummy in order to park your diamond loser.

Neither minor suit offers any possibilities so it will need to be spades.

You need a lot of luck but it is important to understand how to play the suit.

Win T1 and draw trumps finishing in hand.

Lead a low spade.

If west plays low the correct card to play from dummy is the ♠9.

You hope that this draws one of the top honours from east.

You can win the return and then finesse the ♠J.

If west started with the ♠10 and one of the top honours you will be successful.