

Teaser No. 5

♠ 7 6 4 2

♥ 9 8 3

♦ A Q J 10

♣ 5 2

GAME all, Dealer: South

Contract: 6♠ by South

Lead: Q♥

E/W Silent

♠ A K Q 10 8

♥ A

♦ 7 3

♣ A Q J 10 9

All follow to first round of trumps. Plan the play.

## Solution Teaser No. 5

Once all have followed to the first round of trumps there is a 100% line. At a first glance it looks as if you will need one of the minor suit kings to be well placed (and one of two finesses is pretty good odds!) However, that strong diamond holding in dummy is a red herring, A 5 4 2 would be just as good. Given the passive heart lead, the position of the minor suit kings is completely immaterial.

You should draw trumps and play clubs from the top. If West wins and plays a diamond, you win with the ace, cross back to hand by ruffing a heart, and throw the QJ10 of diamonds away on the master clubs. Finally, the losing diamond in the South hand is ruffed in dummy.

Well done if you saw the answer in a flash and weren't hypnotised by those diamonds!