

Teaser No. 43

North

♠ K J

♥ 9 8 6 3

♦ 7

♣ A Q 10 7 4 2

East

♠ 6 2

♥ J 7 4

♦ A J 9 8

♣ K J 9 5

Love All, Dealer: South

Contract: 4♠ by South

Lead: K♦

South opened 1♠, North bid 2♣, South rebids ♠s and North raised.

You are sitting East - Plan the defence – it's a teams' match.

Solution Teaser No. 43

Overtake with the ace of diamonds and play a trump.

As East you have privileged information that your partner doesn't know about. You can see that declarer cannot come to more than one trick in clubs. Partner, however, will worry that declarer holds the king and that the suit will run. Given the chance, they might make a disastrous switch to hearts from a suit headed by the king. From their point of view it might be essential to score quick tricks in the suit. You can see that the only way declarer can dispose of losers in hand is to ruff them in dummy. As this is their only source of extra tricks the best defence is to lead trumps as soon as possible.

South held: ♠AQ10843, ♥AQ, ♦6532, ♣6xx