

## ACBL - BRIDGE HAND OF THE WEEK

Good judgment - May 16 2011

This deal was played by Canada's Daniel Lavee in the White House Junior International Teams, an annual event in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Dealer North Vul : E-W	<b>NORTH</b> ♠K Q ♥Q J 10 8 ♦8 7 5 ♣ J 10 7 5	
<b>WEST</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣		<b>EAST</b> ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠A 9 8 2 ♥A K 9 7 2 ♦A J 4 3 ♣ —	

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 Heart	2 Club
3 Club(1)	X	XX	Pass
3 Heart	Pass	3 Spade	Pass
4 Heart	Pass	5 Diamond	Pass
6 Heart	All Pass		

- (1) Limit raise or better in hearts.
- (2) First-round control of clubs.

West starts with the ♦K. How will you come to 12 tricks?

## Solution

Here's how Lavee made his slam.

He ducked the opening diamond lead and ruffed when West tried to cash a high club. Entering dummy twice in spades, Lavee ruffed two more clubs, then crossed to dummy with a heart (he had ruffed two clubs with high trumps), to ruff dummy's last club. Now a spade ruff allowed him to pull the opposing trumps. At the end, his hand consisted of the ♠A and the ♦A.

Lavee had taken eight trump tricks and his four side-suit winners in executing a perfect dummy reversal. Note that no lead, even a trump, defeats the contract. The full deal:

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