

## ACBL – BRIDGE HAND OF THE WEEK

Bad Split – good play 17-01-2011

Dealer South Vul : Both	NORTH ♠A Q 8 3 ♥K 8 7 3 ♦J 8 ♣A 7 4	
WEST ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣		EAST ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
	SOUTH ♠K 9 4 2 ♥A 6 ♦K Q 9 ♣K Q 9 5	

North	East	South	West
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2 Club	Pass	2 Spade	Pass
4 Spade	All Pass		

This deal was played in a national pairs game. As South you reach the normal contract of 4♠. West leads the ♥2, which you win in hand. When you cash the ♠K, East shows out. Now what?

## Solution

Declarer, a national champion, led a second spade and won with the queen when West put in the 10. The ♦J was ducked all around. Declarer then cashed the ♥K and ruffed a heart, went to the ♠A and ruffed another heart.

The ♦K went to East's ace, and West ruffed the club return. West was able to get out with a diamond to the queen, declarer pitching a club from dummy, but that didn't help. At trick 12, declarer was in hand with two clubs, dummy had the ♠A 8 and West had the ♠J 7. When declarer led a club, West was caught in a trump coup. Declarer did more than overcome the 5-0 trump split to make his contract. He came out with an overtrick.

The full deal:

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