

BBO Tourney 21-06-2011

In a BBO pair event, this hand came up.

Dealer : South Vul : Both	NORTH ♠ 2 ♥ AK1075 ♦ 7532 ♣ A98	
WEST ♠ 53 ♥ 832 ♦ QJ10864 ♣ J6	Board 7	EAST ♠ KQJ8 ♥ Q964 ♦ K9 ♣ 743
	SOUTH ♠ A109764 ♥ J ♦ A ♣ KQ1052	

South	West	North	East
1 Spade	Pass	2 Heart	Pass
3 Club	Pass	3 Diamond	Pass
3 Spade	Pass	4 Club	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 Heart	Pass
6 Club	All Pass		

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Many pairs did not reach the slam but South took the initiative and landed in 6 Club.

Declarer makes the contract by tackling Spades immediately. Two ruffs are needed if Spades break 3-3. If Spades break 4-2, same 2 ruffs are needed after giving up a spade. Luckily, Club J is doubleton and not as Jxxx.

He takes the DQ with his A, plays Spade Ace and another Spade on which he discards a Diamond.

The defense could play a trump but declarer is in control,

He takes the Club trick in dummy, plays H Ace and ruffs a small heart. Ruffs a Spade in dummy, ruffs Diamond in hand and ruffs another Spade in dummy, thus establishing Spade suit.

He comes to hand with a Diamond ruff, removes trumps and claims. If a Diamond is played in Trick 4 after getting Spade trick, ruffs in hand and proceeds as described above.

A Double dummy analysis (all 4 hands visible) showed the following sequence in making the contract - Not many will attempt

Trick	W	N	E	S
1	DQ	D2	DK	DA
2	CJ	CA	C3	C2
3	S3	S2	SK	SA
4	S5	C9	S8	S4
5	H3	HA	H4	HJ
6	D6	D5	D9	C5
7	C6	C8	SQ	S10
8	DJ	D7	C7	CK
9	H2	H5	C3	CQ
10	D10	D2	H6	C10
11	H8	H7	SJ	S9
12	D10	H10	H9	S7
13	D	HK	HQ	S6