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Dealer : South Vul : None	NORTH ♠ A 6 5 ♥ A Q J 9 ♦ Q J 10 9 2 ♣ J	
WEST ♠ J 10 9 8 ♥ 7 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ A K 10 6 5		EAST ♠ K 4 3 2 ♥ 10 8 5 4 3 ♦ A 5 ♣ 9 3
	SOUTH ♠ Q 7 ♥ K 6 2 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ Q 8 7 4 2	

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 Diamond	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 Club	Pass	3 Heart	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

The most powerful bridge team south of the equator is probably Australia. Inspired by Tim Seres, an expatriate Austrian and one of the world's great players, they have always been a threat in international competition. This deal is from an Australian national championship.

Going into the final 16 boards of the match, East-West was trailing by 40 IMPs. This was the first board of the final set. North-South bid aggressively to reach the no-trump game. West led the jack of spades, ducked in dummy and taken by East's king. A spade return would have left declarer in charge with time to set up diamonds for nine tricks, but East found the killing defense of shifting to a club. West cooperated by winning with the king and shifting to a heart, taken in dummy. When declarer now tried to set up diamonds, East took the ace and reverted to clubs, allowing West to score two more tricks in the suit for a one-trick set.

In the other room the contract was a quiet one no trump scoring nine tricks for a gain of 5 IMPs on the deal. That set the stage for a 72-7 rampage on the final set to win by 25 IMPs! An average gain of 4 IMPs per board is phenomenal!

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