

Board 20

West Deals
Both Vul

♠ Q 8 6 5
♥ Q J 10 8 3
♦ —
♣ A J 6 3

♠ J 9 3
♥ 6 2
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ Q 10 9 2



♠ K 7 2
♥ 9 7 4
♦ Q 5
♣ K 8 7 5 4

♠ A 10 4
♥ A K 5
♦ A K 10 8 6 3 2
♣ —

E 7♥; EW 6♠; W 6♥; W 4N; E 3N;
EW 5♦; EW 2♣; Par -2210

Lead: 2♥

Almost everyone bid 6♥ and yet only one pair managed to make their contract. Basically you have to set up the diamond suit. Best way to do that is to ruff 2 diamonds in the West hand. If a heart is led win in the East hand and ruff a diamond low. If you want to make 7♥, ruff a club in dummy and cash the king of hearts. Then lead another diamond and ruff again. Pull the remaining trump. Throw East's losing spades on the hearts and the ace of clubs. Lead a spade to East's ace and cash the remaining diamonds. With a spade lead, declarer can only make 6♥.

Note that West might only make 6♥. Why

is that?

Contract	Lead	Made	Scores		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6♥ W	♥ 2	-2	200		5.00	0.00
6♥ W	♥ 2	-1	100		3.50	1.50
5♦ E	♣ 4	-1	100		3.50	1.50
Pass	Pass				2.00	3.00
4♥ W	♣ 2	6		680	1.00	4.00
6♥ W	♥ 6	7		1460	0.00	5.00