

Squeeze

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 7 3

♥ K 2

♦ 10 9

♣ 10 7 6 4 3 2

♠ A K 9 5 4

♥ 10 7 6

♦ A 6 2

♣ A 5



♠ J 10 6 2

♥ A Q 4 3

♦ K 7 5

♣ J 8

♠ Q

♥ J 9 8 5

♦ Q J 8 4 3

♣ K Q 9

EW 5N; EW 5♠; EW 4♥; EW 2♦; EW 1♣;

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4♠ by West

Lead: 7♣

Play this hand for a squeeze in diamonds and hearts.

See .doc of this same hand as it has much more detail.

Contract Lead Made Scores Matchpoints

		N-S		E-W		N-S		E-W	
2♠	W	♦ 10	4	170		7.00		0.00	
4♠	W	♦ 10	4	420		4.00		3.00	
4♠	W	♣ 10	4	420		4.00		3.00	
4♠	W	♦ 10	4	420		4.00		3.00	
4♠	W	♦ 10	4	420		4.00		3.00	
4♠	W	♦ 10	4	420		4.00		3.00	
3 NT	E	♣ 5	4	430		1.00		6.00	
4♠	W	♣ 7	5	450		0.00		7.00	

This hand represents an example of a hand

where one of the opponents is squeezed in 2 or more suits.

West won the club lead and played the ace of spades. This dropped South's queen of spades. A spade to the jack was followed by another high spade to the king (unblocking).

West now played the 6 of hearts to East's queen and then another "low heart" toward his ten. If hearts split 3/3 this would not cost a trick. If hearts did not split 3/3 perhaps it would set up a squeeze on one of the defenders. North won the king of hearts and led another club which was won by South who then led the queen of diamonds.

Here is where declarer must be careful. If he is to have a squeeze he needs threat cards in each hand. He wants to have the ace of diamonds and another diamond in his own hand (West) and the ace and another heart in the East hand.

The squeeze card will be the last trump in the West hand. If declarer wins the king of diamonds and then tests hearts there is no threat. If declarer wins the ace of diamonds and then tests hearts that does not work either. Declarer must win the diamond king and then lead the 2 of spades to the West hand to play the last spade. Declarer discards a diamond from the East hand. South cannot hold 2 diamonds and 2 hearts. Successful squeeze!

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