

Jim's Lessons Week 4 #6 Defense

Not Making the Wrong Play Increases the Chance of Making the Right One!

Contract: 5 ♦ by South

Lead: 2 ♣

Board 31
South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 2
♥ 7
♦ K Q J 7 6 3
♣ K Q 8 7 4

♠ J 10 9 3
♥ A 10 8 5
♦ 9 5
♣ J 9 2

♠ Q 6 5 4
♥ J 6 4 2
♦ 4
♣ A 10 6 5

♠ A K 8 7
♥ K Q 9 3
♦ A 10 8 2
♣ 3



Contract	Lead	Made	Scores		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6 ♦ N	♠ 6	6	1370		6.50	0.50
6 ♦ S	♠ J	6	1370		6.50	0.50
4 NT S	♠ J	4	630		5.00	2.00
5 ♦ S	♣ 2	6	620		4.00	3.00
3 NT S	♠ J	3	600		2.00	5.00
5 ♦ S	♥ A	5	600		2.00	5.00
5 ♦ S	♠ J	5	600		2.00	5.00
6 ♦ S	♥ A	-1		100	0.00	7.00

Makeable Contracts: NS 3N; NS 5♦; NS 3♣; NS 1♥; Par +600

Bidding:

	N	E	S	W
			1D	P
	2C	P	2H	P
	2S*1	P	3S	P
	5D	All Pass		

West led the 2 of clubs and declarer played the king from dummy. East won the ace and did not know what to lead back.

He chose to lead back a club and declarer was able to play the ace and king of spades throwing the heart loser away.

Bidding Analysis: With the bidding made by South (3 suits), East should know that West “did not” lead a singleton.

While it is true that he does not know which suit to lead back, at least he had a chance to guess correctly.

Playing back a club just guaranteed that N/S would make 12 tricks on this hand.

Lesson/Tip: While you as a defender may not know what the correct play to make is, you cannot afford to make the mistake of making a play that is **definitely wrong**.

This mistake can prevent you from having any chance at all of getting the tricks you are entitled to.

Take your chance while you have it or the chance may go away.