

Source: Puritan Bridge Club Game of Thursday May 11, 2017 Grass Roots

**Board 22** ♠ J 9 7 4 3  
 East Deals ♥ J 10 9 6 5 4  
 E-W Vul ♦ 10 2  
 ♣ —

♠ A K 8      ♠ 6 2  
 ♥ A 7      ♥ K 8 3  
 ♦ A 8 7 6 5      ♦ K 9  
 ♣ J 4 2      ♣ A K Q 10 9 8

♠ Q 10 5  
 ♥ Q 2  
 ♦ Q J 4 3  
 ♣ 7 6 5 3

**Makeable Contracts:** EW 7NT; EW 7♣; EW 5♦; EW 2♠; EW 1♥;

<b>Bidding:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E (Dealer)</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>
		1C	P	3NT
	4C*1	Dbf	P	P
	4H	4NT	All Pass	

\*1 Michaels??

**Contract:** 3NT by West

**Lead:** ♥ J

The declarer recognized the possibility of a double squeeze right away since North had shown spades and hearts with his 4C bid and South might not be able to protect those suits. Plus it was likely that South had to hold diamonds since North was likely to be short in that suit. Below is a progression of cards where the squeeze becomes more apparent.

**Diagram A** ♠ J 9 7 4 3  
 East Deals ♥ 10 9 6 5 4  
 E-W Vul ♦ 10 2  
 ♣ —

♠ A K 8      ♠ 6 2  
 ♥ 7      ♥ K 8  
 ♦ A 8 7 6 5      ♦ K 9  
 ♣ J 4 2      ♣ A K Q 10 9 8

♠ Q 10 5  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ Q J 4 3  
 ♣ 7 6 5 3 (12 cards left)

**Diagram B** ♠ J 9 7 4 3  
 East Deals ♥ 10 9 6 5 4  
 E-W Vul ♦ —  
 ♣ —

♠ A K 8      ♠ 6 2  
 ♥ 7      ♥ K 8  
 ♦ 8 7 6      ♦ —  
 ♣ J 4 2      ♣ A K Q 10 9 8

♠ Q 10 5  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ Q J  
 ♣ 7 6 5 3 (10 cards left)

**Diagram C** ♠ J 9 7  
 East Deals ♥ 10 9  
 E-W Vul ♦ —  
 ♣ —

♠ A K 8      ♠ 6 2  
 ♥ 7      ♥ K 8  
 ♦ 8      ♦ —  
 ♣ —      ♣ 5

♠ Q 10 5  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ Q 4  
 ♣ 5 cards left

After 5 clubs

**Diagram D** ♠ J 9  
 East Deals ♥ 10 9  
 E-W Vul ♦ —  
 ♣ —

♠ A K 8      ♠ 6 2  
 ♥ —      ♥ K 8  
 ♦ 8      ♦ —  
 ♣ —      ♣ —

♠ Q 10 5  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ —

After the 6<sup>th</sup> club

**Diagram A**

After heart lead, Declarer wins the ace in hand.

**Diagram B**

Cash ace/king of diamonds (10 cards left)

**Diagram C**

Run 5 club tricks squeezing South & Hearts are squeezing North. The spade suit is the common suit both defenders could hold if not squeezed.

**Diagram D**

On the play of the 5♣ South keeps 3 spades and a diamond. West throws a heart. North keeps 2 hearts and discards a spade in order to protect hearts.

**Final Killer Play**

Declarer now plays the king of hearts. Note: South cannot protect both the spades and diamonds. South saves the queen of diamonds and discards a spade. Declarer can then win the last 3 spade tricks

Sometimes you can just realize the possibilities of possibly making more tricks than you expect. The diamond suit contained the threat card against South. The heart suit contained the threat card against North. The spade suit was the common suit that either defender could stop before the squeeze. Sometimes we pull off a squeeze just by playing winners. Declarer must keep track of what he throws while trying to squeeze the opponents.