

Source: Puritan Bridge Club Game of Thursday May 11, 2017 Grass Roots (slightly modified)

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

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| ♠ 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♥;

Bidding:

| | N | E (Dealer) | S | W |
|--|------|------------|----------|-----|
| | | 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 ♦ —
 ♣ —

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| ♠ 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)

Take 3 tricks

Diagram B ♠ J 9 7
 Run 5 clubs ♥ 10 9
 5 cards left ♦ —
 ♣ —

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| ♠ A K 8 | | ♠ 6 2 |
| ♥ 7 | | ♥ K 8 |
| ♦ 8 | | ♦ — |
| ♣ — | | ♣ 8 |
| | | ♠ Q 10 5 |

♥ —
 ♦ Q 4
 ♣ — 5 cards left

Run 5 clubs

Diagram C ♠ J 9
 Take last club ♥ 10 9
 4 cards left ♦ —
 ♣ —

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| ♠ A K 8 | | ♠ 6 2 |
| ♥ — | | ♥ K 8 |
| ♦ 8 | | ♦ — |
| ♣ — | | ♣ — |
| | | ♠ Q 10 5 |

♥ —
 ♦ Q
 ♣ — 4 cards left

Take last club

Diagram D ♠ J 9
 Play ♥ K ♥ 10 9
 3 cards left ♦ —
 ♣ —

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|---------|--|--------|
| ♠ A K 8 | | ♠ 6 2 |
| ♥ — | | ♥ 8 |
| ♦ — | | ♦ — |
| ♣ — | | ♣ — |
| | | ♠ Q 10 |

♥ —
 ♦ Q
 ♣ —

After the heart king

Diagram A (10 cards left)
 Declarer wins the A♥ in hand and takes A♦ & K♦.

Diagram B (5 cards left)
 Run 5 club tricks
 North keeps 2 hearts & 3 spades. South keeps 2 diamonds & 3 spades. West keeps 3 spades 1 heart & 1 diamond.

Diagram C (4 cards left)
 Take last club trick.
 North must keep 2 hearts & discards a spade (no longer protecting spades). South keeps 3 spades & 1 diamond. West keeps 3 spades & 1 diamond.

Diagram D (3 cards left)
 Declarer now plays the king of hearts and South can no longer protect spades (keeping 3) and protect diamonds. West just discards the opposite suit from South. South discarded a spade hoping North had a spade honor. West now discards his diamond. 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.

