

L5 #6 Play of Hand – Delay Pulling Trump When Necessary – Having to Knock Out Opponents Winners.

Source: Puritan Bridge Club ACBL Charity Game on Wednesday April 5th 2017.

Contract: 4♠ by West

Lead: 5♦

Board 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K J 5 2

♥ K 3

♦ 2

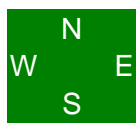
♣ J 10 9 6 3

♠ 9

♥ Q J 2

♦ K J 7 5 4 3

♣ A 7 2



♠ 8 6 4 3

♥ A 10 9 8

♦ Q 10 8 6

♣ K

♠ Q 10 7

♥ 7 6 5 4

♦ A 9

♣ Q 8 5 4

Contract	Lead	Made	Scores		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4♦ N	♠ Q	4	130		5.50	0.50
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4♠ W	♦ 7	-1	100		3.00	3.00
3♠ W	♦ K	-1	100		3.00	3.00
3♠ W	♦ 5	-1	100		3.00	3.00
5♦ N	♠ Q	-1		100	1.00	5.00
3♠ W	♦ 5	4		170	0.00	6.00

Makeable Contracts: EW 3♠; NS 3♥; NS 4♦; EW 3♣; Par +130

Bidding:

N

E

S

W

1S

2D

2S

3D

3S

4D

4S

All Pass

Lead: 5♦

Analysis of Hand: Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy and played the queen of trump, North playing the 9 of spades. Declarer worried about a bad split in trump declarer decided he must leave trump in the dummy (East hand) in which to ruff a third round of diamonds as he needed to knock out at least 3 cards from the defenders (ace/king of clubs and ace of hearts). Declarer played a club and South played the king of clubs immediately. South then led a diamond and West ruffed the diamond. Declarer then played another club which North ducked and South ruffed with one of his 4 trump. South played the ace of hearts and the led another diamond that declarer ruffed in dummy. Declarer then led another club clearing the suit. North then led a heart to declarer's king and declarer pulled the rest of the trump and cashed his last 2 clubs. Down one for the best possible result possible based on the actual bidding at his table.

It is important for this declarer to realize that down one might be OK but that down 2 (-200) would be a zero.

He must be sure to not lose more than 4 tricks if possible.