

Delaying drawing trumps/loser on loser play

	KQ5	
	8652	
	J987	
	J10	
A762		9843
9		AKJ4
AKQ4		52
A543		862
	J10	
	Q1073	
	1063	
	KQ97	

Dealer South E/W vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
1S	Pass	2S	Pass
4S	All pass		

After the spade raise from partner West, with just 5 losers opposite 9, bids game.

North leads JC, the normal lead of the unbid suit. Declarer can envisage the possibility of two club losers and two spade losers so must look at ways to reduce this.

If trumps are drawn the opposition can cash their four tricks easily to defeat the contract. Thus declarer must start on the top diamonds. After playing AD and KD he discards a club loser on the QD and the other club on the fourth (losing) diamond. This puts a club loser on a diamond loser (loser on loser play) which cannot cost. However it has the effect of enabling declarer to ruff two clubs in the closed hand. Declarer will make two spade tricks in each hand together with six top tricks in the side suits for the contract.