

# 273. From the archives II

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I mentioned yesterday that when re-re-reading an old bridge book, a couple of newspaper clippings fell out. Today's deal comes from a cutout that had not only no date, but also no author.

Dealer East : Both vulnerable

North  
♠ KJ76  
♥ A52  
♦ K1065  
♣ A4

South  
♠ AQ542  
♥ J73  
♦ A3  
♣ K75

West	North	East	South
		3♥	3♠
Pass	4♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

(1) Strong spade raise, heart control

(2) Two key cards plus the ♠Q

West leads the ♣3, fourth-highest. You draw trumps. East follows once and then discards two hearts. Plan the play.

The bidding and the opening lead give you heaps of information. The spade position is known. East began with one spade and West with three spades.

*What do you know about the heart position?*

East's 3♥ would be based on 6 or 7 hearts. With had a singleton heart, West would have led it, Therefore West is void in hearts and East began with 7 hearts.

*What do you know about the club position?*

West led the ♣3 as fourth-highest. West can have only one club lower than the ♣3. Hence West began with four or five clubs. That means that East began with 3 or 4 clubs.

So, you now know almost everything about the East hand. *What is East's hand pattern?*

East began with 1 spade, 7 hearts, 3 or 4 clubs and so 1 or 2 diamonds. Have you found the winning play?

This is the full deal:

	North	
	♠ KJ76	
	♥ A52	
	♦ K1065	
	♣ A4	
West		East
♠ 1093		♠ 8
♥ --		♥ KQ109864
♦ J9742		♦ Q8
♣ Q9832		♣ J106
	South	
	♠ AQ542	
	♥ J73	
	♦ A3	
	♣ K75	

You won trick 1 with the ♣A and drew trumps. After applying your counting and bridge logic, you play the ♣K and ruff a club in dummy. East has followed to three clubs. You continue with the ♦A and the ♦K. When East follows to two diamonds, you peg East with a 1-7-2-3 pattern. Since you have taken out all of East's spades, diamonds and clubs, East has only hearts left.

These relevant cards remain:

	North	
	♥ A52	
	♦ 106	
West		East
Irrelevant		♥ KQ109864
	South	
	♠ 54	
	♥ J73	

You play a low heart from dummy and lose only one heart.

## Problem for Tomorrow:

Dealer East: Both vulnerable

North
♠ KQ2
♥ AKJ10
♦ 863
♣ KJ9
South
♠ A108764
♥ 82
♦ AQ
♣ AQ3

South has reached 7♠, with East-West passing throughout. West leads the ♣6. Trumps are 2-2. Plan the play.

**Why not phone or email your bridge partners and compare your answers and your reasoning?**

*Some days the supply of curse words is insufficient to meet my demands.*

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