

Board 23 from Friday 20th September, 2013 was an interesting study in defence. Partner and I were E/W and I was playing East. The dealer was North.



West	North	East	South
3♦	3♥	5♣	1NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	5♥

South opened 1 NT and partner, West bid 3 Diamonds.

Thinking that 4 Hearts was cold, I made a “pressure bid” of 5 Clubs which could have given us a disastrous result if we were doubled.

However, South with her beautiful AKQJ of Hearts pushed on to 5 Hearts.

I led the Q of Diamonds and partner played the 3 even though she had the A, K of Diamonds.

I took this as a signal for Clubs and led the 2 of Clubs on which South put her K of Clubs but this was ruffed by West.

Now partner played the A of Diamonds which I ruffed. I returned, cashing the A of Clubs.

Result, 5 Hearts went down 2
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