

The Perfect Read

The winners of the Youth Consolation Pairs were John and Charles McMahon. This board from the second session helped their way to victory, and it was surely well deserved:

He now played the $\heartsuit 7$ (unfortunately) to discard a spade, as West also discarded a spade. He came back to hand with the $\clubsuit A$.

This was the 3 card ending:

Board 12

Dlr W: Vul: NS	\spadesuit QJ42 \heartsuit KQ1097 \diamondsuit Q \clubsuit A63	
\spadesuit K965 \heartsuit 53 \diamondsuit J1062 \clubsuit QJ10	\spadesuit 1087 \heartsuit 842 \diamondsuit 895 \clubsuit 8754	
	\spadesuit A3 \heartsuit AJ6 \diamondsuit AK743 \clubsuit K92	

Dlr W: Vul: NS	\spadesuit J \heartsuit Q \diamondsuit - \clubsuit 6	
\spadesuit K \heartsuit - \diamondsuit - \clubsuit QJ	\spadesuit 108 \heartsuit - \diamondsuit - \clubsuit 8	
	\spadesuit 3 \heartsuit - \diamondsuit - \clubsuit K9	

The bidding was old fashioned. Charles (N) opened $1\heartsuit$, John bid 4NT key-card asking and ended up in $7\heartsuit$. East led the $\diamondsuit 5$ to the queen and Charles drew three rounds of trumps ending in dummy. $\diamondsuit AK$ and a third diamond ruffed followed and this was now the position:

As he played the last trump discarding a spade from dummy, West was helpless. He was now squeezed in spades and clubs, and there was no answer. +2210 and a complete top. Well done

Dlr W: Vul: NS	\spadesuit QJ4 \heartsuit Q \diamondsuit - \clubsuit A6	
\spadesuit K96 \heartsuit - \diamondsuit - \clubsuit QJ10	\spadesuit 1087 \heartsuit - \diamondsuit - \clubsuit 875	
	\spadesuit A3 \heartsuit - \diamondsuit 7 \clubsuit K92	

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With seven tricks in the bag, Charles could only see five more. A successful spade finesse would bring his total up to thirteen, so he led the $\spadesuit Q$ from hand and East followed low smoothly. Reading the situation perfectly, Charles deduced that the $\spadesuit K$ was with West due to the non-cover and rose with the $\spadesuit A$.