

Simple Squeeze

Bridge squeezes complete, Clyde Love, Exercise 1

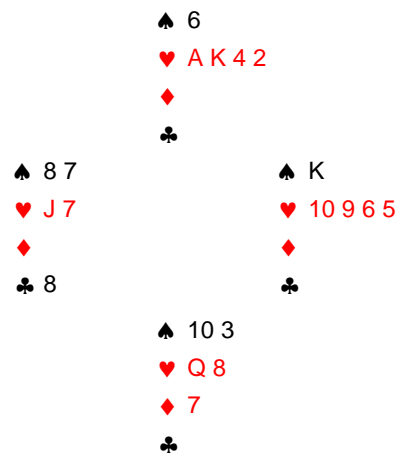
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East plays the Jack on the 9♠ lead and we have 12 top tricks.

There is only one possibility (other than a mis defense) for the 13th trick - that the person with 4+♥'s also holds KQJ of spades.

First in your own mind picture the key position you want to get to - see diagram right which shows the position with the squeeze trick about to be played.

Once you have a picture in your mind of the key position simply cash one heart, the clubs & all the diamonds to get to that position with the lead in the correct hand and East has nowhere to go.



When the last diamond is cashed with the ♠ threat being in the South hand North is free to keep all the hearts but East has to make a fatal discard.

Note that if North had the 10♠ then this would not work against East who can see North's discard and can throw the same suit.

It would work against West however as West has to discard first & North keeps whatever West unguards.