

STEPPINGSTONES TO SLAM.

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Bidding

West	North	East	South
2 \diamond ¹	pass	2 \heartsuit ²	2 \spadesuit
pass	2 NT	pass	3 \spadesuit
pass	4 \spadesuit	pass	4 NT ³
pass	5 \diamond ⁴	pass	6 \spadesuit
pass	pass	pass	

- 1) Multi.
- 2) Required.
- 3) RKC.
- 4) 1 ace.

Dealer: West

\spadesuit 9 8 5

Zone: None

\heartsuit K 9 4

\diamond A 8 4 3

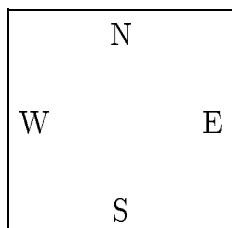
\clubsuit Q 9 6

\spadesuit 2

\heartsuit Q J 10 7 3 2

\diamond Q 9 7

\clubsuit 10 7 4



\spadesuit K 7 3

\heartsuit 5

\diamond J 10 6 5 2

\clubsuit K 8 5 3

\spadesuit A Q J 10 6 4

\heartsuit A 8 6

\diamond K

\clubsuit A J 2

Lead: \heartsuit Q.

West leads his \heartsuit Q.

Knowing the 6 \heartsuit s by west south cannot postpone the use of his \heartsuit K as the only entrance to north. At least he may catch a well placed \spadesuit K. But, how may south get access to the lovely \diamond A?

Solution:

	West	North	East	South
1	♥ Q	<u>♥K</u>	♥ 5	♥ 6
2	♠ 2	<u>♠9</u>	♠ 3	♠ 4
3	♥ 2	♠ 8	♠ K	<u>♠A</u>
4	♥ 3	♠ 5	♠ 7	<u>♠Q</u>
5	♣ 4	♣ 6	♣ 3 ¹	<u>♣J</u>
6	♣ 7	♣ 9	♣ 5	<u>♣A</u>
7	♥ 7	♥ 4	♦ 2	<u>♥A</u>
8	♦ 7	♥ 9	♦ 5	<u>♠J</u>
9	♣ 10	♦ 3	♦ 6	<u>♠10</u>
10	♦ 9 ²	♣ Q	♦ 10 ³	<u>♠6</u>
11	♦ Q	<u>♦A</u>	♦ J	♦ K
12		<u>♦8</u>		
13		<u>♦4</u>		

¹ If east takes his ♣ K, the ♣ Q establish an entrance to the ♦ A.

² If west throws a ♥ he is endplayed on his last ♥ to give the last trick to north' ♦ A.

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Avoiding two endplays is a disaster as north gets the 13. trick on his ♦ 4.

In trick 10 south makes his funny squeeze with ♠ 6. The situation is:

