

Improve your Bridge by reviewing these interesting deals from the club.

I am going to start posting one interesting hand from the club game each night in an effort to help you and your partner with your post-mortems. Fearghal

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<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 963 ♥ 84 ♦ A65 ♣ 87532</p> <p>♠ 52 ♠ 874 ♥ 7632 ♥ A 1095 ♦ Q104 ♦ J983 ♣ QJ104 ♣ 96</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ AKQJ10 ♥ KQJ ♦ K72 ♣ AK</p> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="2">HCP</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">26</td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" style="margin-top: 10px; width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="6">Makeable contracts</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>♣</th> <th>♦</th> <th>♥</th> <th>♠</th> <th>NT</th> </tr> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td>6</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td>6</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </table>	HCP		4	5	5	5	26		Makeable contracts							♣	♦	♥	♠	NT	N	4	3	2	6	5	S	4	3	2	6	5	E	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	<p>Board 19 : Dealer South : EW vulnerable</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 25%;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2♣</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♦</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>3♠</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>4♠</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">All Pass</td> </tr> </table> <p>Well done if you bid to 6♠ and well done again if you made it!</p> <p>However there is no need to stretch your bidding to 6♠ because making 4♠+2 will be a good score too. Declarer has 9 top tricks and can set up 2 more in Hearts by knocking out the Ace but where will his 12th trick come from?</p> <p>It will come from a Diamond ruff in dummy! Win the Club lead, and knock out the Ace of Hearts. Win the trump return and cash your two Heart winners throwing a Diamond from dummy. Now play King, Ace and ruff your third Diamond in dummy.</p> <p>Only now do you draw trumps. Well played.</p>	West	North	East	South				2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass			
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