

North

♠Q63
♥Q54
♦K1076
♣1053

West

♠97
♥876
♦98
♣KQJ764

East

♠KJ108542
♥93
♦QJ4
♣2

South

♠A
♥AKJ102
♦A532
♣A98

N/S Vulnerable

West North East South

3C	P	3S	4H
P	P	4S	Dbl
P	5H	P	P
P			

Opening Lead: Spade 9

My wife Ava is the star of this puzzle. We were playing at a local match point game, and she was the only declarer to make 5 hearts. I admit to being prejudiced, but I think it required world class declarer play to make the hand. Can you make 5 hearts, even with the advantage, which Ava did not have, of seeing all 4 hands?

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The Answer

After winning the spade, draw trumps in 3 rounds. Then cash the Ace of clubs. Cash the A and K of diamonds and play a diamond, which East must win.

East is now down to all spades. When he cashes the K of spades, throw a club. Then you can throw your other losing club on the Q of spades.

The play of the Ace of clubs is very important, because if you do not do that, then East will have a club as an exit card when he gets in with a diamond.