



Dealer: N		♠ K86	Vul: None	
		♥ AKT32		
		♦ QJT74		
		♣ --		
♠	JT93	↑13 ←5      10→ ↓12	♠	A54
♥	654		♥	QJ87
♦	A86		♦	5
♣	964		♣	KT875
		♠ Q72		
		♥ 9		
		♦ K932		
		♣ AQJ32		

<b>PLAY THIS HAND WITH JERRY</b>	Bidding	P -- 1♣ -- P -- 1♥
	Sequence→	P -- 2♦ -- P -- 4♦ P -- 5♦ -- P -- P P

This deal occurred on BBO and I think it is a simple “by the book” play hand but our opponent couldn’t work it out.

There are a few basics here. First the bidding went as written. If I was North, we would be in slam after South reversed into 2D. A reverse shows at least 17 points. There is nothing wrong with opening 1C and rebidding 2C with this suit. I don’t like to open 1D and rebid 2C distorting the length in 2 suits. Second, when dummy comes down in a suit contract it is best to look at your losers and figure out what you are going to do with them.

The opening lead was the J spades and declarer played low. You can see that the defense is only entitled to 1 spade trick so East won the Ace and led his trump to the Ace and another trump was continued. At this point there are 3 losing hearts in dummy and declarer has 2 high diamonds in hand to trump them and discard the last heart on the Ace of clubs.

Proper technique would be to win the second diamond in dummy and play the Ace of hearts and trump a heart with the 9 diamonds followed by the Ace of clubs discarding a heart and trumping a club in dummy and then trumping the last little heart in hand . Now trump a club in dummy and draw the last trump and claim.

Our opponent actually played a third round of diamonds before crossruffing and couldn’t make the game getting only 19%. A good lesson in planning the play.

It turns out that being in a diamond part score was worth 49%. Making 5 diamonds was worth 71% because 3N from the South side doesn’t make.

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