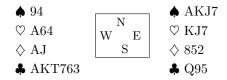
# **Solution 100314**

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## 100314.1

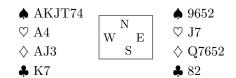


The contract is 6NT, North has bid diamonds. The lead is  $\Diamond K$  and south discards a heart, how would you play this contract?

#### **Solution:**

To make this 6NT, you should strip south's club and play the  $\spadesuit 9$  to the small if North doesn't cover with  $\spadesuit 10$  or  $\spadesuit Q$ .

## 100314.2



North lead a  $\heartsuit$ K against your  $4\spadesuit$  contract. You won by your ace and played  $\spadesuit$ A. Both defenders followed. How would you play this contract?

### Solution:

It seems that you should endplay north by heart. But this line will fail if north have only one diamond. South will win the diamond at some point and return a club. You can't do anything to save any of the 4 losers. The correct link is to play  $\spadesuit K$  and another  $\spadesuit 4$  to dummy's  $\spadesuit 5$ . and finesse a diamond right away. If the finesse holds you can cash  $\diamondsuit A$  to cut down the connection on diamonds between defenders. Then you can endplay North by exiting a heart and north can't avoid giving you a ruff & sluff or a free finesse. If the finesse lost to North, then you can set up the diamonds to pitch one club loser.