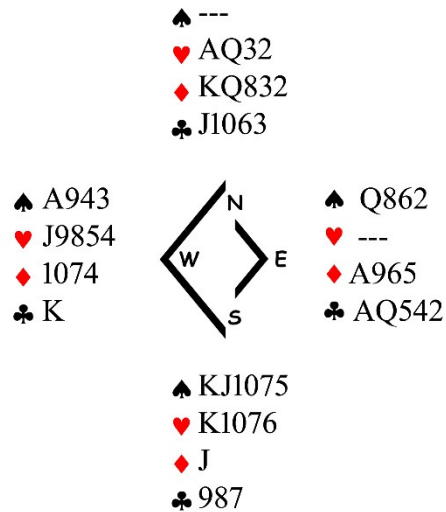


293. Reverse Flannery-Simple Response

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--North South Vulnerable--

The bidding:

North opens One Diamond with the intention of showing Clubs next. However, South makes a jump shift to Two Hearts which shows six to nine HCP's and five or more Spades and four or more Hearts. North passes Two Hearts and that is where South plays. This is a bridge convention called Reverse Flannery.

Opening Lead:

As we saw two columns ago, West led the Diamond Seven.

The Play:

East wins the Ace and cashes the Club Ace. The King falls and East cashes the Queen and gives a small Club for West to ruff. A small club to be ruffed asks for a Diamond return and a large Club to be ruffed asks for a Spade return.

East does not particularly want a Diamond back, but he knows he does not want a Spade back. East cannot get back in to give West another ruff.

Declarer pitches two Spades on the Diamond King and Queen and cashes the Heart Ace. He sees the bad split and stops drawing trump. If both defenders had a Heart, he would cash the Heart Queen next. However he ruffs a Diamond with the Heart King and then ruffs a Spade with a small Heart. He then pitches a Spade on the Club Jack and West ruffs. West exits a small Spade and Declarer plays a small Diamond from Dummy. East should duck the Spade but rises with the Queen and declarer wins the King. He puts the Spade Jack on the Table and West covers and dummy ruffs. The Heart Queen is cashed and a Diamond is played which West over-ruffs.

Result:

Declarer will lose no Spades, three hearts, one Diamond and two Clubs for down one. This is better than a two Spade contract by three tricks.

Note: July 1st to July 3rd is the Trail Bridge sectional tournament at the Trail Curling Rink. There will be a separate non life master section for both sessions on Saturday, July 2nd if there is sufficient interest.