

North raises clubs showing support and a game possibility. South shows a major stopper and North chooses Four Clubs with his stiff Spade. South passes because he has already shown everything he has and partner could not go to Three No Trump or Five Clubs. One never tells the same story twice.

The Play:

West leads a Spade, and South wins the Ace and ruffs a Spade. He plays a trump from Dummy and East ducks once. South ruffs the last Spade, cashes a Diamond honour and plays the last Club in dummy. East takes his Ace and plays a Spade.

South ruffs in his hand and finesses a diamond. The law of Restricted Choice states that honours are most likely to be split between the defenders' hands. When East played the Queen under the Diamond Ace, he was restricted to play the Queen because he likely did not have the Jack.

Declarer gets to pitch a heart on a Diamond and needs the Heart finesse because the Diamonds split badly. It works and declarer makes Four Clubs plus two for +170.