

BRIDGE

Underleading an ace is a practice that seldom succeeds. The disasters far outnumber an occasional brilliant success. The big problem is that partner is usually deceived.

The bidding has little significance. Many players let East-West play the contract in clubs but a majority played in hearts and spades.

Both major-suit contracts fail but since six clubs cannot be defeated, the heart and spade slams are good choices.

NORTH
 ♠ 6 4 2
 ♥ A Q 10 7 6 5
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ 6

WEST
 ♠ A 5 3 2
 ♥ K 10 9 8 5 4 2
 ♦ K Q 10 9 7 3
 ♣ K 8 4 3
 ♠ K 8 7

EAST
 ♠ J 9 2
 ♥ Q 10 9 4
 ♦ Q J 7 3

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 10 9 7 3
 ♥ K 8 4 3
 ♦ K 8 7

North-South Vulnerable
 South Deals

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 5
 pass 6 pass pass
 6 pass pass pass
 6 pass pass pass

West led the five of diamonds. If West leads a club, declarer will ruff and drive out the trump ace. East will lead a diamond and declarer is down one. He could make a desperate choice to make the contract and play the king and be down two.

In this case West was upset because he had been outbid. On the assumption that East had something to force the deal to slam, he led a small diamond.

He thought East would have the king and could return a heart to be ruffed with his singleton trump. The plan did not work. South was surprised when his king held the trick. The ace of trump was forced and East had a choice.

He knew his partner wouldn't underlead an ace. He led the club queen to trap declarer's king. When declarer ruffed, East and West were left to argue about their choices.

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