

Thoughts:

With the heart lead, you have six winners off the top. You also have four losers off the top. It might be tempting to take the spade finesse but even if it works and the defenders' spades are 3-3 which, taken together, is very unlikely, you will still only have nine tricks before broaching the minors and losing the remainder of the tricks.

If you look at your minor suits you can deduce that they are worth three tricks once the defenders' Aces and Kings are driven out. Therefore, nine tricks are available by means of 2 x spades, 4 x hearts, 1 x diamond and 2 x clubs provided the minor suits break reasonably.

Attacking the minor suits and losing to the top cards immediately might seem counterintuitive but proved to be the winning strategy on the day (July 13).

BOARD 6					
BD: 6	♠ KJ742				Dlr: E
	♥ K2				Vul: EW
	♦ J862				
	♣ Q2				
♠ 63					♠ QT95
♥ J8763					♥ 94
♦ 975					♦ AK4
♣ A74					♣ K865
	♠ A8				
	♥ AQT5				
	♦ QT3				
	♣ JT93				
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	2	3	1	2	2
S	1	2	1	2	2
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-
					10
				5	12
					13