

Well done to Frances who made two key plays to secure 9 tricks on the above deal. After South defended well by ducking until the third round of diamonds, Frances guaranteed her contract when she not only ducked South's KH attack, but followed with the JH. Now whatever South does West will come to nine tricks. If South continued with a heart she had created an entry with the ten of hearts to dummy's diamonds. If South played a club, Frances could play the queen, cash her winning spades, executing a squeeze - either South must discard two hearts, which will bare the Q, or discard clubs and declarer can endplay by playing Ace and then the two clubs as happened.