



After this standard Precision Club auction, Priday led the king of clubs. Declarer ducked until the third round of the suit, East throwing a heart. Forrester cashed the ace of hearts and then led the three of diamonds. If West ducks this East can win with the king, cash a heart winner or two and then play a spade or a diamond, defeating the contract by a couple of tricks. But in fact Priday went in with the queen of diamonds to cash his club winners. This was the end position:

♠ K 6 5 2	♠ 8 7 4 3	♠ J
♥ None	♥ None	♥ Q J
♦ 6 5	♦ J 10	♦ K 8 7
♣ None	♣ None	♣ None

  

♠ A Q 10	<table style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">N</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">E</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">W</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">S</td> </tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ A Q 10
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♥ 10		♥ 10				
♦ A 9		♦ A 9				
♣ None		♣ None				

As you can see, West is endplayed, but as the declarer needs five of the last six tricks, a diamond return will beat the contract, declarer being unable to avoid losing a spade and a heart. But Priday erred again by playing the king of spades. Forrester won with the ace, cashed two more rounds of spades, East throwing a card from each red suit, and exited with the ten of hearts to endplay East in diamonds.

Jack Marx, the adjudicator, awarded Forrester the best played hand prize for this deal. It is funny how often a declarer play award is won on a deal where the defence could have beaten the contract.

**Other Teams:**

Holders: P.D. Jourdain, E. Martin, C.P. Dixon, V.A. Silverstone, J.L. Reardon, P.D. Alder.

Masters: J.T. Reese, A. Hiron, J. Amsbury, A. Woo, L. Tarlo, M. Wlodarczyk.

Crockford's: Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Priday, M. Hoffman, C. Simpson.

Scotland: W.Coyle, V. Goldberg, B. Shenkin, G. Haase, G. Cuthbertson.

L.C.C.B.A.: U. Dourmouh, D. Burn, D. Price, C. Duckworth.

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