

BEST PLAY LONDON V SPRING 4S

♠ 7 6 5 4 2      ♣ Ace all  
 ♥ K Q 9 7 4 2      Dealer South  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ 6

♠ K 5	N	♠ A 8
♥ J 8	W   E	♥ A 5
♦ 7 5 3	S	♦ K Q J 10 9 6 4
♣ A J 8 7 3 2		♣ 10 4
	♠ Q J 10 9	
	♥ 10 6 3	
	♦ A 2	
	♣ K Q 9 5	

South N <sup>2</sup>	West S <sup>2</sup>	North E <sup>2</sup>	East W <sup>2</sup>
Collings	Sowter	Carlisle	Rowlands
1♠	Pass	4♠	5♠

Play for your only chance was the motto here. Dave Carlisle reached 5♠ after the opposition had attempted to play 4♠, and on the predicted spade lead he won the ace, and tried to sneak ♠Q through. Tony Sowter astutely rose with the ace and shifted to a heart. Carlisle won the ace, cashed his spade, club, and trump winners, and exited with a heart. North had to win, and was genuinely endplayed to concede a ruff and discard.