



He therefore put up the ace and played a diamond to the king. At this point he diverged very slightly from the best line which was to ruff the last spade (if West could overruff he would have no exit) and led a third diamond. Although sure that he could insert the nine, it was an unnecessary play, as Filip played the ace (West discarding) and ruffed the fourth round of diamonds, followed by ruffing a spade. Although Kyle continued throwing clubs, at this point Filip was able to play his last trump and Larsen finally had to play away from the ♣K for Filip's tenth trick.

Because the spade distribution was almost certain, this play was barely flawed. It is true that there were a number of lines that would have succeeded, but this didn't detract from the elegance of Filip's line, which earned a 13 IMP swing as Silverstone in the other room had gone down without the benefit of the double.

