

**Patrick Jourdain writes from the 1996 LCCBA Lederer Finals:**

Board 4                    ♠     K  
 Dir: West                ♥     10 6 5 2  
 Game all                ♦     Q 6 5  
                                  ♣     Q J 9 7 6

♠     Q 9 5 2	♠     A J 8 7
♥     K J 8	♥     A 7 4 3
♦     J 8 2	♦     10 7
♣     A 10 3	♣     K 4 2

♠     10 6 4 3  
 ♥     Q 9  
 ♦     A K 9 4 3  
 ♣     8 5

**BEST DEFENCE: Willie Coyle & Victor Silverstone**  
 Holders v. Premier League Winners/Britain  
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West	North	East	South
Justin H	Coyle	Jason H	Silverstone
1♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

In four typical fashion the Hackett twins pressed to Four Spades, West making what for them is a normal opening, and East showing a balanced raise to game.

North, Willie Coyle, led the queen of clubs, and Justin won in dummy to start with a successful heart finesse (a slightly premature move he was to regret later). Next came a low spade and the appearance of the king. If the hearts were worth only three tricks, declarer needed a diamond ruff, so he followed with a low diamond from dummy. Silverstone went in with the king and played a second club. Justin won this and made the good play of crossing to dummy with the jack of trumps to lead the second diamond off the dummy.

If Silverstone had gone in with the king declarer makes eleven tricks! (South can play a heart, but West wins, ruffs a diamond, returns with a finesse of the spade nine, and draws the last trump squeezing North).

Silverstone saw that he needed North to hold the diamond queen, and played low when the second diamond was led. Justin tried the JACK (South might have held all the top diamonds), but North won. Now Coule cashed his winning club, on which South ditched the queen of hearts. A heart ruff defeated the game. At the other table East/West were in Three Spades up two.