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BEST DEFENCE – DAVID PRICE

HAND: 12 MATCH NO: 3 VUL: NS DEALER: W

	9	
	A 10 9 8 5 4 3	
	A J 8	
	K Q	
7 5	N	A Q J 10 6 2
K 6	W + E	J 7
10 6 5 3	S	K Q 9 2
A 9 4 3 2		J
	K 8 4 3	
	Q 2	
	7 4	
	10 8 7 6 5	

BIDDING:	Price	McGann	Czerniewski	Hanlon	(Spring 4's v Ireland)
	S	W	N	E	
		P	1♥	4♠	
	P	P	Dbl	P	
	P	P			

PLAY:

David Price had to make a difficult decision to obtain 2 down in this defence. Any other lead collects 300 easily, but the understandable ♥Q made life more complicated. After winning ♥10 with the jack at trick two, declarer should probably just play ace and queen of spades and use dummy's entry for the diamonds, which would force NS to get their promotion to ensure one down, but Hanlon erred by playing a club to the ace to take the spade finesse.

Price ducked and won the third round, and now had a decision to make. Czerniewski had requested a diamond but David worked out that the odds favoured a force with a club. This would have let the contract make if North was missing the ♦J but ensured two down when he had this card, and was necessary to beat the contract if he held K Q x in diamonds.