

BEST DEFENCE: Espen Erichsen & Tomas Charlsen, Norway

NS Vul, Dealer South

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

The bidding was as follows:

W	N	E	S
			1NT
P	3♥ ^A	P	4♦
P	5♦	All pass	

Erichsen led a heart to the jack and ace and Zia played a club to the queen, king and ace. Charlsen continued with a second heart which declarer ruffed. Now Zia played for diamonds 3-2, but was disappointed when East showed out on the second round of trumps. With the lead in dummy, he reverted to clubs, but Charlsen crucially ducked, allowing Erichsen to play yet another heart whilst the defence still had club control. When the dust had cleared, Zia was four off for a well-deserved swing to the Norwegians.