

WORDS OF WISDOM

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A dummy reversal of sorts appeared on this hand in the recent Charlotte tournament.

	North (Declarer)	
	♠ A K 10 3	
	♥ A 6 5	
	♦ 10 6	
	♣ K J 4 2	
West		East
♠ 8		♠ 7 5 4 2
♥ 9 8 3 2		♥ K J 7 4
♦ K Q J 9 5		♦ 4 3
♣ Q 10 7		♣ 9 8 5
	South	
	♠ Q J 9 6	
	♥ Q 10	
	♦ A 8 7 2	
	♣ A 6 3	

North was declarer in 4♠ with a diamond lead from East. With 8 top tricks in aces and kings (and trumps), you need to ruff some cards in one hand.

I won the A♦ and led another diamond. West continued with a third diamond, which I ruffed with the 10♠. Now, K♠ and a spade to the dummy. The last diamond was ruffed with the A♠.

Now, a club to the ace and two more spades to draw all the trumps. North pitched his two little hearts. The remaining cards for N-S were:

North
♠ -
♥ A
♦ -
♣ K J x
South
♠ -
♥ Q 10
♦ -
♣ 6 3

With the favorable club position, the original 8 tricks had turned into 12 -- 6 spades, 1 heart, 1 diamond and 4 clubs.