

Play Of The Week?

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Australia's Tony Nunn and Sartaj Hans were hugely impressed by the play of the Philippines Open player Francisco Alquiros on this one from their round 19 match.

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WEST Q10 9 AK64 QJ10962		EAST AJ876 J76 QJ5 53													
	SOUTH K432 Q84 32 K873														

Sartaj led the 5 and Francisco took that with his singleton Ace. He led the 10 which Sartaj took to play another club, taken by dummy's King. Declarer gave up a second diamond, this time to Tony's King and Tony played a club which Francisco ruffed with the Ace of trumps! He then led a spade towards dummy's King and Sartaj stepped in front with the Ace. Sartaj played the Q which Francisco ruffed in dummy. He then ruffed a spade in hand to produce:

	NORTH K1053 9		
WEST 9 A J109		EAST J8 J76	
	SOUTH K4 Q8 8		

Francisco assessed the evidence. Tony surely had six clubs on the auction. On the play, he surely had the A left and he had followed to two spades - he had a singleton trump. Francisco led the 10 and, when Sartaj ducked, he ran it. Now a trump to dummy's Queen enabled him to shed his diamond loser on the K before ruffing a spade and claiming.

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