

The Classic Dummy Reversal

Here is the hand one dreams about

	S Qxx	
	H AKJ10	
	D 10x	
	C 9xxx	
S xx		S xxx
H xxxx		H xxx
D AQx		D Kxx
C KQxxx		C Axx
	S AKJ10x	
	H Qx	
	D Jxxxx	
	C x	

South	West	North	East
1S	2C	3C	4C
4S	PASS	PASS	PASS

West led the King of Clubs, and after a favorable signal continued the suit which was roughed by South.

Declarer can count five Spade Tricks and four Heart tricks and needed to find a tenth trick.

The initial thought was to trump a third Diamond in dummy, so South led a small diamond at trick three. West took her Queen and led another Club.

South was now in complete control, trumping the Club, he now led a heart to dummy and led Dummy's remaining Club.

West discarded a Heart, but North now trumped this last club and played the Ace and King of trumps.

He next led a Heart to Dummy, everyone (Thank you Lord) following suit and took out the defenders last trump with the Queen and played the last two winning hearts, giving up a Diamond at trick thirteen.

In all Declarer scored the Ace King and Queen of trumps, three ruffs in his own hand and four heart tricks for a total of ten tricks. Generally it is very bad to shorten your own trump holding, but this hand, where the Dummy Reversal was executed was an exception to that rule.
