by the holder of today's East cards. He could see that with normal defense declarer would catch East in an automatic squeeze in spades and hearts for an easy small slam at diamonds. He therefore made a deceptive lead which disabuded declarer from trying the squeeze and put the slam down.

West opened a spade. East covered dummy's 10 with the queen and South trumped. De[illegible] plays the ace and an other club with the intention of setting up a third round club ruff. East won the second club with the king.

Placing South with the king of hearts on the bidding. East saw that if he held [illegible] trumps he would [illegible] the spade ace, three hearts, six diamonds, the club ace and a club ruff. If declarer held only five trumps, he would have only 11 tricks, but pre-emption West in the major suits would bring in the 12th trick.

[illegible] had to do something to avert the inevitable. East told us, so he led the 10 of hearts and South, winning with the ace, got the impression that the jack was with West declarer ruffed a club with the diamond

Opening lead 9 ♠

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