



At every other table where this position was reached, West shifted to a heart, which was not good enough. When East won with his ace and switched to a trump, declarer ran that to dummy; cashed the heart king, pitching a diamond; and led a diamond toward his king. If East took his heart ace and shifted to diamonds, South won with his king and ruffed a diamond on the board. And when East ducked his heart ace, declarer played a low spade to force a dummy entry for a diamond lead toward his king. Campanile, realizing that declarer had three diamonds and would be going for a ruff on the board, shifted to a trump. Then Barel did his part by playing his low spade, not the king.

Now the contract was dead.

Whatever declarer did, East, when in with the heart ace or diamond ace, would lead back his spade king, killing the diamond ruff and keeping declarer away from the heart king.