

Watch Your Tens - A Squeeze Gains Ten

Round Robin 3 - 1st European Mixed Teams 2019

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

	♠ 10 7 5 3		
	♥ 2		
	♦ Q 10 9 5		
	♣ A 10 6 4		
	♠ K 4 2	N	♠ A 9 8 6
	♥ A K 9	W	♥ J 5 4 3
	♦ K J 2	E	♦ 8 6 4
	♣ Q 8 5 2	S	♣ K J
	♠ Q J		
	♥ Q 10 8 7 6		
	♦ A 7 3		
	♣ 9 7 3		

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
CHAVARRIA	GRUMM	GANDOGLIA	LINDERMANN	WEIGKRICHT	ATTANASIO	F TERRANEO	MANARA
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥		Pass	Pass	1 ♥
1NT	Pass	2 ♣ ! ¹	Pass	1NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦ !	Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass	3NT	All pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass	3NT by West, Lead: ♦ 5, Down 1 — EW -50			

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3NT by West, Lead: ♦ 10, Made 3 — EW +400

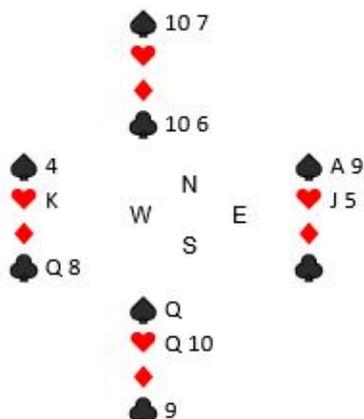
On Board 1, both declarers played 3NT on a diamond lead and continuation, establishing North's thirteenth card in the suit. The continuation was the same, that is, a club to dummy's king, but here the two roads separated. Weigrich – an Olympic champion and European champion (European champion in 1985 with his partner and world runners up in the same year, and again at the Olympiad in 1988 to the USA) – continued with another club, and no longer had time to make three tricks in hearts, a necessary prerequisite to come to nine tricks. Chavarria (pictured), on the other hand, played a heart to hand straight away, inserting the nine when south (fatally, as we will see) followed low.



Another club was captured by North's ace, and the last diamond cashed, on which east and west both discarded spades, and south a heart. Then, the spade continuation ran to West's king. The king was followed by the ace of hearts, on which north rid herself of a spade.

Here is the finale:

Chavarria played the last winning heart, and Iris Grumm found herself squeezed in spades and clubs.



There's no point in the defense ducking the second club, because North is still squeezed when hearts are cashed: all declarer needs to do is keep the king of spades in his hand to cash the AK hearts: North, with 10x -x A10, has no defense on the last honour. The same thing happens if the five of diamonds is not cashed so as not to rectify the count. The only winning move was available to the South: had Arno Lindermann put up the 10 of hearts on the first round of the suit, declarer's communication would have been destroyed.