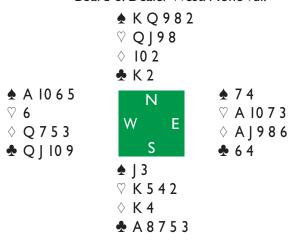
## Playing is Listening or How to Outplay DeepFinesse

by Jan van Cleeff

In order to find the right lead it helps a lot when you listen to the bidding carefully. Israeli star Migry Zur-Campanile-Albu proves that the same applies to successful dummy play.

Varenne versus Villa Fabbriche. East and West are the Di-Bello brothers from Italy.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

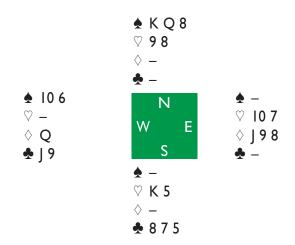


West	North	East	South	
	Campanile		Willenken	
Pass	♠	Dble	Rdble	_
INT	2♡	Pass	4♡	
All Pass				



Migry Zur-Campanile-Albu

East led a club for declarer's king. Migry tabled the queen of hearts, which held the trick. She continued with a spade to the jack and West won the ace. A club came back for dummy's ace. Due to the take-out double Migry was pretty sure that East possessed a four-card heart suit and therefore played a trump to the jack. East won the ace and played ace of diamonds and diamond. When Migry (deep-) finessed the ten of spades – West did bid INT remember – the five card ending was this:



Having lost three tricks already declarer had to make the rest of the tricks for her contract. North played a trump and East did the best he could do by following low. Now Migry advanced a top spade and East was couped. Curtains and a ten IMP gain for Varenne since at the other table NS played 24 plus 1.

In fact Migry outplayed DeepFinesse. According to the double dummy analyser nine tricks is the maximum for North-South when hearts are trumps.

(It was hard for West to appreciate that after winning the ace of spades a diamond switch is essential, East winning and returning the suit. Now when East wins the ace of hearts a third diamond ensures a further trump trick for the defence. Editor)

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