

The Superglue Coup

Timothy Newman, six feet four inches tall, has been sentenced to six years in jail. He is going to miss his two children and bridge ... when he discovers that there is a bridge club in the prison. Tiny Tim's experiences are described in *Bridge Behind Bars* by Julian Pottage and Nick Smith (Master Point Press). This deal will give you a grasp of the unethical style of play.

<p>North Deals E-W Vul</p>	<p>♠ 10 4 ♥ K 8 5 3 ♦ A J 9 7 ♣ J 5 4</p>	<p>♠ K J 9 7 2 ♥ Q 7 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ 9 6 3</p>	
<p>♠ A Q 8 6 3 ♥ 6 ♦ Q 10 4 ♣ 10 8 7 2</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ A J 10 9 4 ♦ 8 6 5 2 ♣ A K Q</p>	
<p><i>West</i></p> <p>1 ♠ All pass</p> <p>Lead: ♠ A</p>	<p><i>North</i></p> <p>Pass</p> <p>3 ♥</p>	<p><i>East</i></p> <p>Pass</p> <p>3 ♠</p>	<p><i>South</i></p> <p>1 ♥ 4 ♥</p>

Against four hearts, West led the spade ace and continued with a second spade. Tiny Tim ruffed and led his heart jack, trying to flush out the queen. West hesitated for a while before playing his singleton! Declarer called for dummy's king, then led a heart back toward his hand. But when East played low, South, knowing West to be untrustworthy, inconsistently put up his heart ace. West happily discarded a spade.

Declarer now led a low diamond. West paused again, and then produced the Superglue Coup, simultaneously playing the queen and four, the cards seemingly stuck together.

After a brief discussion about the law, West chose his queen and left the four on the table, to be played at the first legal opportunity.

Declarer won with dummy's ace, led a club to his hand, and played a second diamond. When West contributed, per force, his four, Tiny Tim decided that West surely could not have the diamond ten, because he would have also produced that card sandwiched between the queen and four. So South called for dummy's diamond jack. But East won with the king and declarer had to lose four tricks: one spade, one heart and two diamonds.