BRIDGE in BIRMINGHAM

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The hand we have prepared for today was recently played in a Birmingham tournament and a top board was gained by Donna Zagrodzky and Venetta Fairchild. This hand is a good example of the saying, "The best defense is a good offense."

The top board North and South was six no trump, but many arrived at six spades and a few were in game contracts in either spades or no trump.

At my table, my partner placed the contract at six no trump and the defense forced me to play it right, so I made this contract. But Donna presented the declarer with a tough decision and did defeat this contract.

Neither side vulnerable. Dealer is South.

NORTH
♠ A 10 9 6 3
♡ Q J
◇ A K Q 3
♣ K 10

WEST (Donna Zagrodzky)
♠ K 8 2
♡ 10 6 3 2
◇ 10 9 8 6 5
♣ A

EAST (Venetta Fairchild)
♠ 7 5
♡ 9 8 7 5
◇ 4 2
♣ 9 7 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 4
♡ A K 4
◇ J 7
♣ Q J 8 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	pass	1 ♠	pass
1 NT	pass	6 NT	all pass

Opening lead: 10 ◇

The declarer won the opening lead of the ten of diamonds in the closed hand and played the three of clubs. Donna won this trick with the ace and played the eight of spades.

This play put the declarer right on the spot. Was Donna fooling with the eight lead and the hook off or could he make the contract without taking this chance?

The declarer counted up 12 tricks without the spade hook, if the clubs broke three-three or even four-two, so he went up with the ace of spades and the contract was doomed.

At my table, a diamond was returned after the ace of clubs won the second trick. When the king of clubs was played, the only way to make the contract was to hook the spade, so this was done and the contract made.

Donna did find the way to defeat this contract and gained a top board.

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THE SUMMER NATIONAL Tournament will be held in Los Angeles this year, commencing July 27 and I hope to report winners and interesting hands from this tournament. The first event will be a charity game.

The duplicated hands from this tournament will be played in Pontiac, at the Elks Eemple. This will be a one session event starting at 2:30 p.m. and you may win National Honors and aid charity. Should you desire a life master as your partner, Ed. Clarke or myself will gladly arrange this for you.

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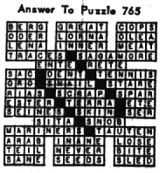

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