

Alt Best Hands Awards - Nominated Hand - Defence

Reference Number: Def 5

Nominated by:

Name: Trevor Matthews **Country:** UK

Player(s): Jacob Morgan & Karin Kelsey **Team:** Mixed Nuts

Event: **Date:** **Match:** **Board:**

NewCo3 01.04 8 9

Link to replay: <https://tinyurl.com/bddvna3s>

Nominator's comments:

Trevor (who was dummy) wrote

A bold leap to 6H, doubled by South.

Ace of Spades is led and it looks like declarer has no choice but to make the contract; ruff 3 Spades in dummy taking the D finesse and dropping the QH for +1660. However our opponent Karin Kelsey found a way to distract declarer.

At trick 2 she covered the QC with the King rather than the Ace as declarer ruffed, ruffed another Spade and led the JC, covered and ruffed. Now another Spade was ruffed and Declarer has to decide; take the D finesse or try to cash the 10C that Karin had helped him establish?

In the event he went for the 10C perhaps hoping for +1860, but the result was -200.

Nice defence!