

Alt Best Hands Awards - Nominated Hand - Declarer Play

Reference Number **Dec 10**

Nominated by:

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Player(s): Emile Schols **Team:** Macavity

Event: **Date:** **Match:** **Board:**
Midi Swiss 13.05.. 10 10

Link to replay: <https://tinyurl.com/4r7adjj4>

Nominator's comments:

Toine wrote bulletin article
Intrafinesse

Emile Schols (Macavity) made a fine play on board 10 of round 10.

Dealer East. Both Vul.

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#S J 10 9 8 6 3
#H K 9 4
#D 10 2
#C 10 7

#S Q            #S 7 4
#H A Q 5        #H J 10 3 2
#D K 9 7 4      #D A Q 5 3
#C A 8 6 5 4    #C Q 9 2

#S A K 5 2
#H 8 7 6
#D J 8 6
#C K J 3
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West North East South

Van Bijsterveldt McIntosh E Schols Paske

— — Pass 1#C

Pass 2#S* Pass 3#S*

DbI Pass 4#H Pass

Pass Pass

2#S weak

3#S not inv

Put under pressure EW arrived in the ambitious contract of 4#H. South led the ace of spades and continued with the king, ruffed in dummy. Schols led a club from the board and when North followed with the 7 he played the 9, a genuine intrafinesse. South won with the jack

and shifted to a trump. North took the queen with the king and played another trump to the ace. Schols came to hand with the #DA and drew the outstanding trumps with the jack. He also cashed the #H10 and two rounds of diamonds to get the full count. He now knew for sure that South had started with three clubs and advanced the #CQ. South covered with the king and when the 10 appeared in North he could cash the #C8 and, as a bonus, made the last trick with the #D7. Well played.

Team Macavity won 9 IMPs on this deal as at the other table EW did not enter the bidding and collected 200 against 4#S.

The screenshot shows a Bridge Base hand viewer interface. At the top left, a card '10' of diamonds is highlighted. The main area displays the hands of four players: North (mcintosh), West (nielsvbij), East (Mkgnao), and South (thomas1000). A bidding table is visible in the top right, and a score display at the bottom right shows '4♥ E' and 'NS: 0 EW: 0'. The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and system information.

N mcintosh		W N E S			
♠	J109863			P	1♣
♥	K94	P	2♠	P	3♠
♦	102	X	P	4♥	P
♣	107	P	P		

W nielsvbij	E Mkgnao
♠ Q	♠ 74
♥ AQ5	♥ J1032
♦ K974	♦ AQ53
♣ A8654	♣ Q92

S thomas1000
♠ AK52
♥ 876
♦ J86
♣ KJ3

4♥ E NS: 0 EW: 0