

Alt Best Hands Awards - Nominated Hand - Declarer Play

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Player(s): Joel Wooldrirdge **Team:** Edmonds

Event: **Date:** **Match:** **Board:**
NewCo10 16.11. 4 12

Link to replay: <https://tinyurl.com/2e7zmvsh>

Nominator's comments:

Toine wrote (in the Bulletin)

Duck tale

Toine van Hoof

Board 12 of Round 4 produced two candidates for the BeBridge Best Played Alt Hand: Joel Wooldrirdge (team Edmonds) and Yasemin Erengil (The Magicians).

Round 4. Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

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

S -
H A Q 9 5
D A J 5
C A 10 9 7 3 2

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Wooldridge	Z Grossack	Edmonds
Pass	1S	Pass	2C
Pass	2S	Pass	3H
Pass	3S	Pass	3NT
Pass	4S	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Wooldridge did well to remove 3NT. Subsequently he was the only declarer who found the winning play in 4S. Just like at most other tables East led the CK. If declarer plays the ace, West ruffs and the defence is bound to get three more tricks. Wooldridge made the great play of ducking. East continued with the CQ, which Wooldridge also allowed to hold. If East switches, declarer takes the rest of the tricks. So he correctly played another club. West ruffed the C10 and played the DK to the ace. Wooldridge ruffed a club to hand, drew the trumps and claimed: plus 620.

In the replay NS ended up in 3NT (1S-2C; 2S-2NT; 3NT). With no entry to the North hand this contract went three off, another plus 300 and 14 IMPs to team Edmonds.

West	North	East	South	
Vermehren	Norris	De Taranto	Werdelin	Erengil
Pass	1S	Pass	2C	
Pass	2S	Pass	3H	
Pass	3S	Pass	4C	
Pass	5C	Pass	Pass	
Pass				

Fine bidding brought Erengil in the excellent 5C contract. In spite of the bad trump split, she managed to make it. Erengil won the DK lead with the ace, cashed the HA, ruffed a heart in dummy and discarded two diamonds on the ace and king of spades. She ruffed a diamond in hand and another heart in dummy. Then she played the SQ. Perhaps East should have discarded, giving South the losing option of playing for the clubs to split no worse than three-one. When East ruffed with the king, Erengil overruffed, ruffed the HQ and played the SJ. East was helpless. It made no sense to ruff so he discarded the D10. Declarer ruffed perforce and exited with the C10. East had only clubs left so South made the final trick with the C9.

Plus 600 gained 13 IMPs as 3NT at the other table (1S-2C; 2S-3NT) failed by two tricks.

D 12	N firechief ♠ AKQJ103 ♥ 2 ♦ 962 ♣ 654	W N E S P 1♠ P 2♣ P 2♠ P 3♥ P 3♠ P 3NT P 4♠ P P D
	W scotty ♠ 97654 ♥ J1083 ♦ KQ84 ♣	E germs345 ♠ 82 ♥ K764 ♦ 1073 ♣ KQJ8
	S jodi e ♠ ♥ AQ95 ♦ AJ5 ♣ A109732	4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0