

Because declarer was Hamman, West's defense was rational. He had to assume declarer had six hearts because, with only five, he would have adopted the line presented above. True, things looked bleak; but there was still a hope. All West needed was to cash a diamond trick. He had to (mis)trust partner to have played the wrong diamond from his jack-ten. Would you rather bet on partner to have pulled a wrong card or Hamman to have misplayed a hand? East gets the charge because if he had played the correct seven of diamonds, then Hamman's error would have been fortuitously punished when West defended as he did; that is sensibly.