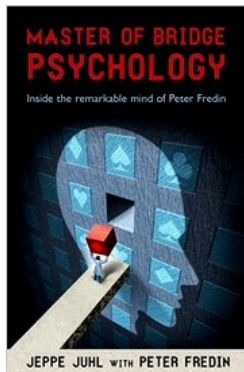


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**P**eter Fredin is renowned for performing impossible tasks at the bridge table and among the many hands featured in the book you will see things you have not seen before and some will take your breath away. This sneaky play is one of Fredin’s trademarks:

Dealer N | Vul All

|         |        |         |
|---------|--------|---------|
| ♠ 85    | ♠ AQ92 | ♠ K74   |
| ♥ T4    | ♥ QJ93 | ♥ K8752 |
| ♦ Q9862 | ♦ K75  | ♦ JT3   |
| ♣ J862  | ♣ 95   | ♣ 73    |

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| ♠ JT63  | ♠ K74   |
| ♥ A6    | ♥ K8752 |
| ♦ A4    | ♦ JT3   |
| ♣ AKQT4 | ♣ 73    |

| W  | N<br>Gottlieb | E | S<br>Fredin |
|----|---------------|---|-------------|
|    | 1D            | P | 1S          |
| P  | 2S            | P | 2NT         |
| P  | 3D            | P | 6NT         |
| // |               |   |             |

Playing in a high-level match-point pairs event Fredin and his partner stretched to 6NT when 6♠ was cold for 12 or 13 tricks depending on the spade finesse. West led ♥10 and knowing that a negative lead is the expert lead against 6NT Fredin considered the situation. Why would West make such a dangerous lead? Probably because he had a number of unappetizing leads and Fredin played a sneaky ♣4 from AKQ104 towards 95 and poor West naturally played low allowing ♣9 to win and Fredin to rack up 12 tricks for a top score.

Fredin can be just as cunning in the bidding:

Dealer W | Vul E-W

|         |         |          |
|---------|---------|----------|
| ♠ QJ7   | ♠ 8654  | ♠ T3     |
| ♥ J9    | ♥ 54    | ♥ QT8732 |
| ♦ AT7   | ♦ 82    | ♦ K964   |
| ♣ J9875 | ♣ QT432 | ♣ 6      |

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| ♠ AK92 | ♠ T3     |
| ♥ AK6  | ♥ QT8732 |
| ♦ QJ53 | ♦ K964   |
| ♣ AK   | ♣ 6      |

| W     | N<br>Gottlieb | E  | S<br>Fredin |
|-------|---------------|----|-------------|
| P     | P             | 1H | DBL         |
| REDBL | 1S            | P  | PI          |
| 1NT   | P             | 2H | 2S          |
| 3H    | P             | P  | DBL         |
| //    |               |    |             |

Surely you have never seen bidding like this with Fredin passing his partner’s response of 1♠ with 24 HCP. However he knew from West’s redouble that East had psyched his 1♥ opening. His raise to 2♠ lured West into his trap and 3♥ doubled failed by two tricks for -500 and a top board for Fredin.

This amazing book took out the 2019 International Bridge Press Association Book of the Year Award. The author is a professional writer and a good friend of Fredin and does a great job writing up Fredin’s exploits. An inspiring book and a must-read.