

GOREN BRIDGE

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THIN DUMMY

Neither vulnerable, North deals

NORTH

♠ 9 7 5

♥ A 9 8 3

♦ K

♣ K J 10 8 3

WEST

♠ K 8 4

♥ Q J 5 4

♦ J 9 5

♣ A 6 5

EAST

♠ J 6

♥ 10 7

♦ A Q 10 6 4

♣ 9 7 4 2

SOUTH

♠ A Q 10 3 2

♥ K 6 2

♦ 8 7 3 2

♣ Q

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♦	1♠	Dbl
Rdbl*	2♦	2♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	4♠	All pass

*Exactly three spades

Opening lead: Five of ♦

West's three diamond bid told South that North was very short in diamonds. South decided that a minimum from partner, with diamond shortness, should afford adequate play for game. That was good reasoning, but the dummy didn't even look like a minimum after the king of diamonds was

gobbled up by the ace at trick one.

East shifted to the 10 of hearts at trick two in an effort to knock out dummy's ace before the clubs could be set up. South rose with his king and led the queen of clubs. West won with the ace and led the queen of hearts to the ace, but the clubs were already set up. Declarer cashed two high clubs, shedding his remaining heart and a diamond. The nine of hearts was led next, and East made a good play by ruffing with his jack of spades, over-ruffed by South with the queen. West, who wanted to be sure that East ruffed the next heart also, followed suit with the jack of hearts!

South ruffed a diamond in dummy and led dummy's last heart, now high due to West's play. East ruffed with the six and South over-ruffed with the 10. Another diamond was ruffed in dummy and the nine of spades was passed to West's king. West led the eight of spades to declarer's ace and West's four of spades beat South's three at the end for the setting trick. Nice defense!

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