

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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FAMOUS HAND

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH

♠ A 10 6 3

♥ 6

♦ 10 6 2

♣ A Q 7 6 2

WEST

♠ J 9 7

♥ 10

♦ Q J 9 8 7 3

♣ K 10 8

EAST

♠ 8 4 2

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ A K 5 4

♣ 9 5

SOUTH

♠ K Q 5

♥ A J 9 7 4 3 2

♦ Void

♣ J 4 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♥	All pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

Today's deal was played in 1980 by the late Dick Cummings, one of Australia's greatest players. North's two club response improved the South hand, so Cummings bravely leaped to game in his long suit. Cummings found a way to make it despite the foul split in trumps, and without relying on the club finesse.

Cummings ruffed the opening diamond lead, cashed the ace of hearts, and continued with the jack of hearts.

West showed out as East won with the queen. East shifted to the four of spades — five, jack, ace. Cummings shortened his trumps by ruffing another diamond and then cashed the king and queen of spades. This was the position:

NORTH

♠ 10

♥ Void

♦ 10

♣ A Q 7 6

WEST

♠ Void

♥ Void

♦ J 9 8

♣ K 10 8

EAST

♠ Void

♥ K 8

♦ A K

♣ 9 5

SOUTH

♠ Void

♥ 9 7 4

♦ Void

♣ J 4 3

Cummings led a club to dummy's ace, disdaining the club finesse, and led the good 10 of spades. East couldn't ruff without losing his potential second trump trick, so he shed a club, as did South. Another diamond was ruffed and Cummings exited with the jack of clubs, not caring who won the trick. In this two-card ending, Cummings had to come to a trick with the nine of hearts to make his contract. Well done!