

# GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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## SIGNALS FOR ALL

Both vulnerable, South deals

### NORTH

♠ A K 3

♥ K 6 4

♦ K 9 7

♣ A Q 6 5

### WEST

♠ 10 4

♥ A J 7 2

♦ 6 3 2

♣ 10 7 3 2

### EAST

♠ J 8 6 5

♥ 9 8 5

♦ Q J 8 5 4

♣ 9

### SOUTH

♠ Q 9 7 2

♥ Q 10 3

♦ A 10

♣ K J 8 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	6NT	All pass

\*Fourth-suit forcing, artificial game force

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

North-South had no game forcing club raise available, hence the awkward auction. North might have bid three clubs over South's two no trump, which would have been forcing after his fourth-suit bid on the previous round. North was anxious to

learn about aces, however, so he used the Gerber ace-asking convention of four clubs. The four heart response showed one ace, so North leapt to slam in no trump, leaving South to play it.

South won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and cashed four rounds of clubs. East discarded a heart and two diamonds, high-low-ing to encourage in diamonds. South was getting a pretty good picture of the hand. East must have started with five diamonds to have discarded two of them. The opening lead suggested that East started with at least four spades to the jack, and he had a singleton club, therefore three hearts. Declarer cashed dummy's king of spades and led a low spade to his nine, finessing against East's jack. He cashed the queen of spades as West discarded a heart and a diamond.

At this point, West was known to have started with at least four hearts. South placed West with the ace of hearts because he hadn't led the suit. Who had the jack? South decided to play West for that card because he started with more hearts than East, so he cashed the ace and king of diamonds and led a heart to his queen. West, who had only hearts remaining, won with his ace and led a low heart. South ducked this around to his 10 and brought home his slam!