



East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A Q 9 5
 ♥ 9 7 5 3
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ K 7 4

WEST
 ♠ 4 2
 ♥ Q J 10 8
 ♦ K 9 8
 ♣ A Q 10 8

EAST
 ♠ 10 6 3
 ♥ —
 ♦ 10 6 5 3 2
 ♣ J 9 6 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K J 8 7
 ♥ A K 6 4 2
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ 5

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1♥ Pass 3♥
 Pass 3NT Pass 4♥

Opening lead — four of spades.

This deal occurred in the final of the 1989 Vanderbilt Teams. When Peter Weichsel of the winning squad was declarer, he reached four hearts as shown. (North's three-heart bid was a "limit" raise, and South's three notrump showed interest in slam.)

With the opposing trumps divided 4-0 and the king of diamonds off-side, it might seem that the contract is destined to fail, but Weichsel proceeded to prove otherwise. He won the opening spade lead with the jack and cashed the ace of hearts, revealing the terrible trump split. A club was now led, and West

took the ace and returned the queen of hearts. Weichsel allowed this to hold and won the heart continuation.

Dummy was entered with a spade, the king of clubs was cashed and a club was ruffed, creating this position:

West
 ♥ 10
 ♦ K 9 8
 ♣ Q

East
 ♠ 10
 ♥ 10 6 5
 ♦ J

South
 ♠ K 8
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A Q

Weichsel led a spade, and West was helpless. If he ruffed, he would be forced to return a diamond or concede a ruff-and-discard. If instead West discarded his club, declarer would lead a heart to force a diamond return into the A-Q.

So West decided to put declarer to a guess by discarding the 8-9 of diamonds on the two high spades. If South now tried to throw West in with a heart, the queen of clubs would set the contract.

But Weichsel had not come this far to be denied. Playing for West to have blanked the diamond king, he laid down the diamond ace and caught the king to make the contract.

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 AFLFWE
 DLLOBY

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow:
 PARADE GLADLY

Saturday's Jumbles: GUIDE CLASH
 Answer: When his girlfriend broke up with him on Friday, the weekend started on a - "SADDER-DAY"