



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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Simulations



North/None

	♠ 96										
	♥ AQ752										
	♦ AKQ										
	♣ QJ10										
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♥ 94		♥ K1086									
♦ 972		♦ J10863									
♣ K63		♣ A									
	♠ AK7										
	♥ J3										
	♦ 54										
	♣ 987542										

- West pauses briefly and East plays ♣A prematurely.
- South calls for the ♣Q before West plays and East immediately plays ♣A.
- Dummy plays the ♣Q before West plays and East immediately plays ♣A.



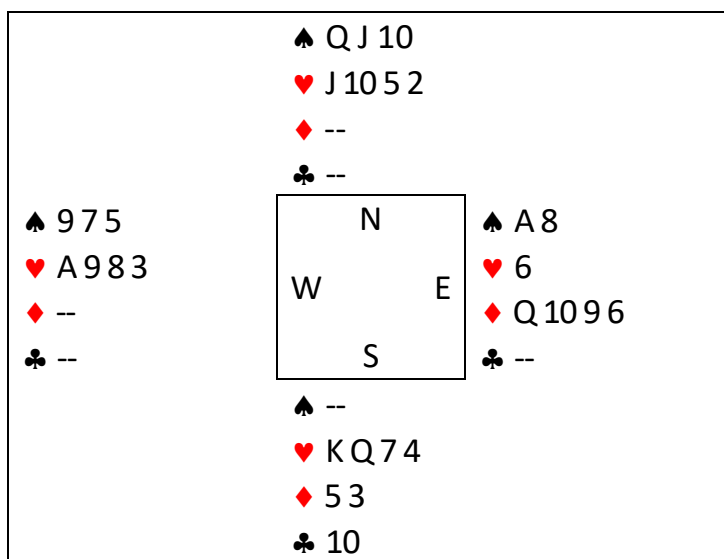
West	North	East	South
		pass	1♣
pass	1♦ ⁽¹⁾	dbl	2♣
2♥	3♣	3♥	pass
3♠	pass	4♣	pass
4♠	All pass		

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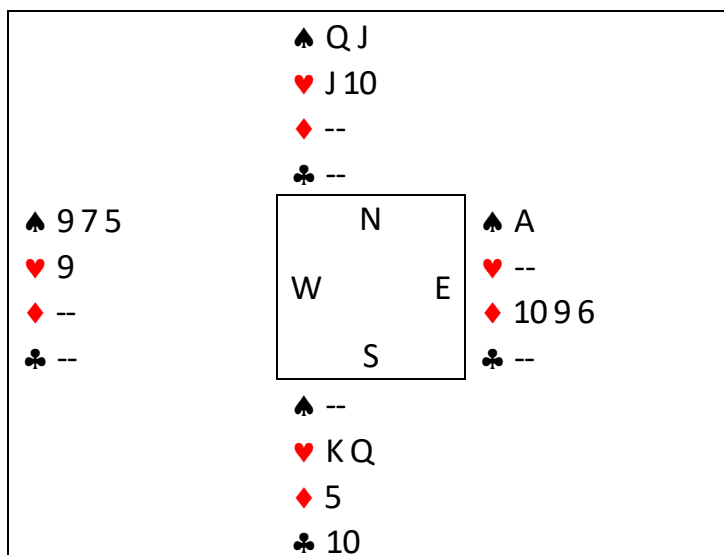


At this point the position is:



West is on lead. The TD has to consider normal plays from this point on.

It seems that the only normal line is to start by cashing the ♥A, ruffing a heart and leading a winning diamond to discard a heart, which will be ruffed by North to give this position:

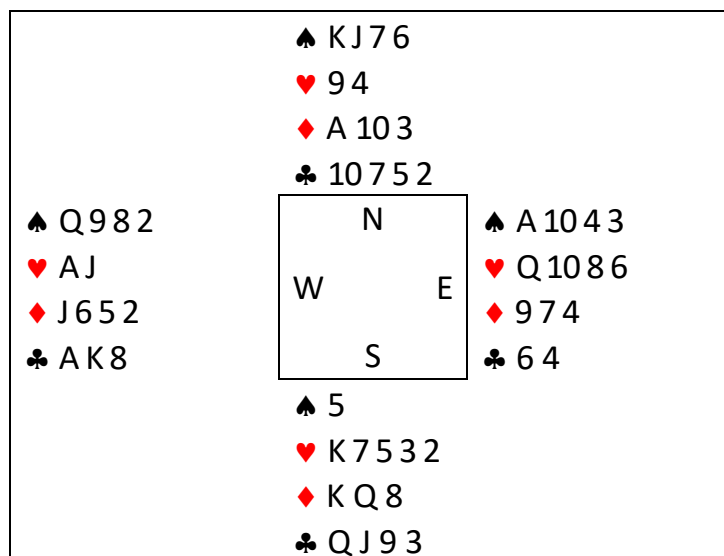




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East/EW



Lead:

♦2	–	3	–	9	–	Q
♣Q	–	8	–	2	–	4
♣9	–	K	–	5	–	6
♦5	–	T	–	4	–	K
♠5	–	2	–	J	–	A
♦7	–	8	–	6	–	A
♣2	–	♥6	–	J	–	A
♦J	–	♥4	–	♠3	–	♥2
♠Q	–	K	–	4	–	♥2
♣10						



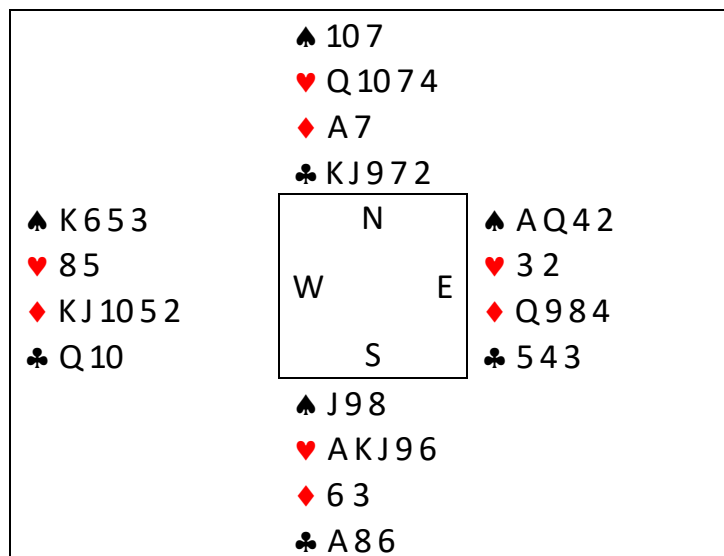
West claims the last three tricks in this position:

	♠ 7 6										
	♥ 9										
	♦ --										
	♣ 10										
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	♥ K 7 5 3										
	♦ --										
	♣ --										

- South accepts the claim but North (dummy) calls the TD saying that it is not good.
- South accepts but some time into the next hand North calls the TD saying that the claim was not good.



South/Both



West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
pass	3 ♦ ⁽¹⁾	pass	...3 ♥
pass	4 ♥	All pass	

EW called the TD at the end of the hand when the contract was made, after North had bid on after the slow 3♥ bid.

If the TD asks, South will say that they have the agreement that 3♦ is either invitational or could be stronger but a hand that didn't want to encourage slam as much as 2NT did.

**Board 8.**

West/None

	♠ K	
	♥ J 9 5 4 3	
	♦ K Q 2	
	♣ A K Q J	
♠ 10 9 8 6	N	♠ A 4 3 2
♥ A 8	W	♥ 10 2
♦ 10 8 4	E	♦ 9 7 3
♣ 7 4 3 2	S	♣ 10 9 6 5
	♠ Q J 7 5	
	♥ K Q 7 6	
	♦ A J 6 5	
	♣ 8	

West	North	East	South
pass	1♥	pass	4♣
pass	4NT	pass	5♠
pass	5♥/5NT	All pass	

TD is called for the insufficient bid.

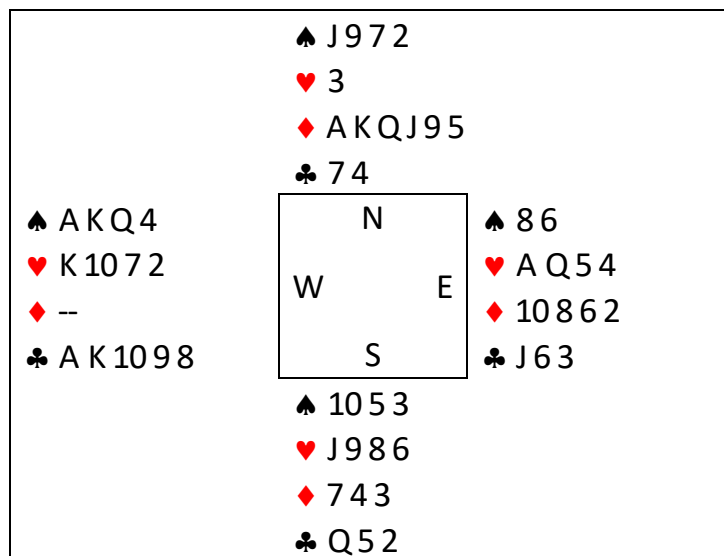
East does not accept 5♥.

North decides to bid 5NT and bar partner from bidding.

- NS make 11 tricks and EW call the TD.
- East leads a club and when in with the ♥A, West returns a club and NS make 12 tricks. EW call the TD.

**Board 12. Pairs**

West/NS

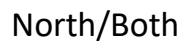


- a) West calls the TD as they start the next board (#13). When arriving at the table, the TD will see that North has opened and East overcalled. South and West had a conversation, from which it emerged that South had revoked on the hand shown in the diagram.

The contract was 4♥ by West. West ruffed the lead of a high diamond, played two high clubs and another club, North ruffing South's trick. North led another high diamond; West ruffed, played the ♥K discovering the distribution, and then led three high spades discarding a diamond from dummy.

However, South ruffed the third spade, thus revoking, and led the ♥J, so North made another diamond trick at the end for 10 tricks in total.

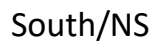
- b) As above, but no-one has called by the time the TD reaches the table.



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West	North	East	South
1♦	4♠	5♣	5♠
pass	pass	pass	

NS call the TD and say that the slow ♦10 suggested switching to a heart and that he might otherwise play a club.



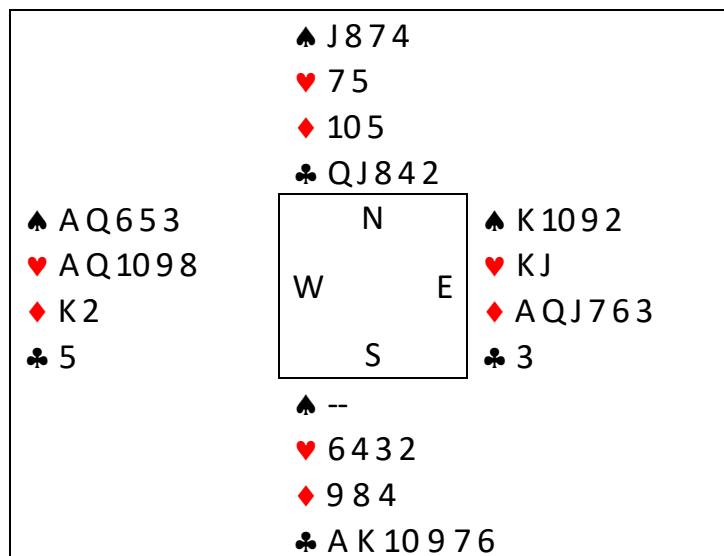
	♠ 972	
	♥ J9	
	♦ QJ985	
	♣ Q107	
♠ KQ64	N W E S	♠ AJ8
♥ 32		♥ A87
♦ A3		♦ 102
♣ KJ543		♣ A9862
	♠ 1053	
	♥ KQ10654	
	♦ K764	
	♣ --	

West	North	East	South
1♣	pass	1♦	3♥
pass	pass	3NT	All pass

NS objected to the unalerted 1♦ bid, which EW (from a Francophone country) thinks is just normal bridge, since in Standard French there is no forcing raise for clubs, but it is alertable according to EBL regulations.



North/None



- Declarer claims, saying “I ruff in dummy and draw trumps”. After North objects, declarer says he will play a small spade first.
- Declarer (world-class player) shows his hand and, when South gives him a questioning look, says “I ruff in hand and play the trumps safely”.

East/NS

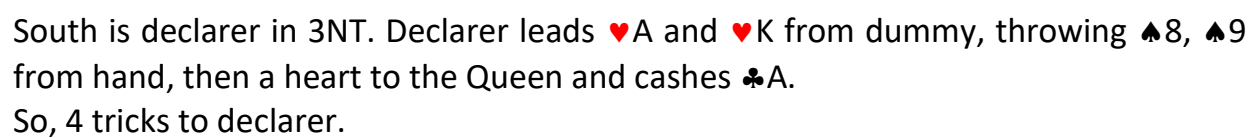
	♠ A K 5 2	
	♥ Q 9 4	
	♦ J 8 5	
	♣ 7 6 4	
♠ J 4	N W E S	♠ 10 9 6 3
♥ J 7 6 2		♥ A 8 3
♦ K 10 4		♦ A 7 6
♣ Q J 8 5		♣ 10 3 2
	♠ Q 8 7	
	♥ K 10 5	
	♦ Q 9 3 2	
	♣ A K 9	

In a pairs event the auction is:

West	North	East	South
		pass	1♣
pass	1♠	pass	1NT
pass	2NT	pass	3NT
All pass			

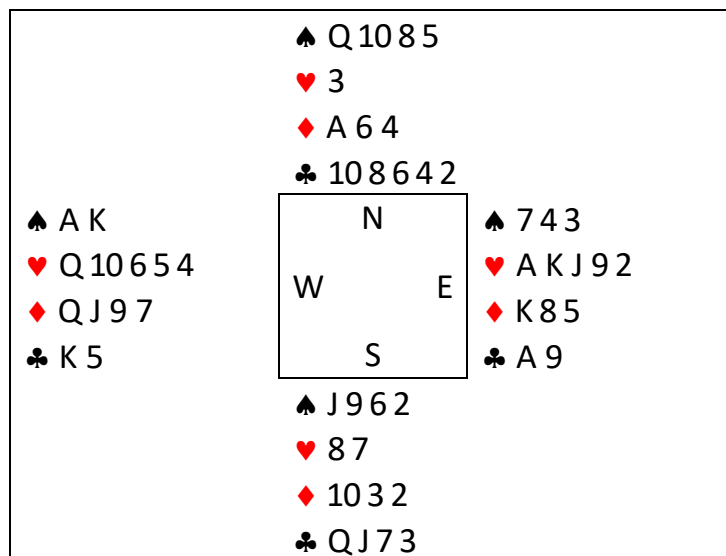
West leads the ♥2. By finessing the ♦10 over West South makes nine tricks. West calls the TD and complains about the 1♣ bid, shown as better minor on the system card. He thinks the longest suit should be opened and if he had known of this he would have led clubs to start.

- a) When TD asks for NS system, and specifically about the meaning of a 1♦ opening, they will be told that shows an unbalanced hand. NS will not volunteer it.
- b) Same as in a), but this time 1♦ shows four plus cards, but
 - b1: South decided to open 1♣ because his clubs are better than his diamonds (his understanding of “better minor”). North would deny he had ever agreed on that interpretation;
 - b2: Same as a1, but South decided that his diamonds were not good enough. Under further investigation, NS are to admit that they can do that by partnership’s style.





West/Both



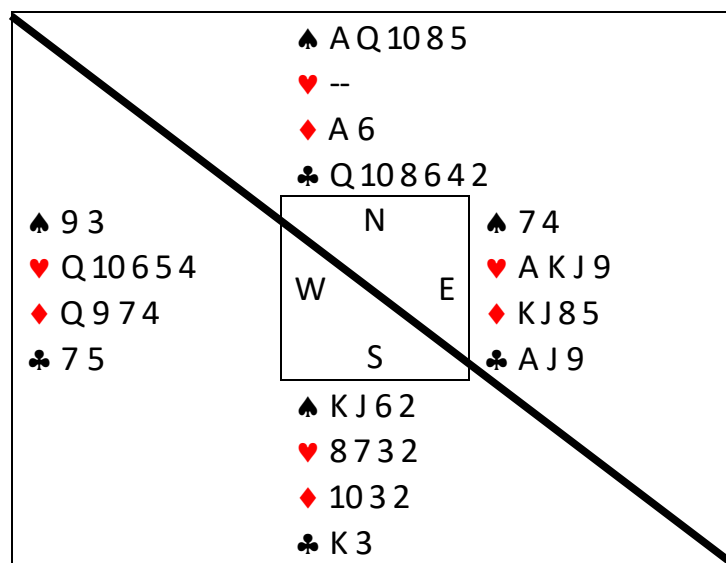
West	North	East	South
		1♥	
1♥			

If the TD asks the EW players about what system they play, they will say:

- a) Strong NT, five-card majors
- b) Weak NT, four-card majors
- c) Strong club, four-card majors

**Board 21. Screens in use**

North/NS

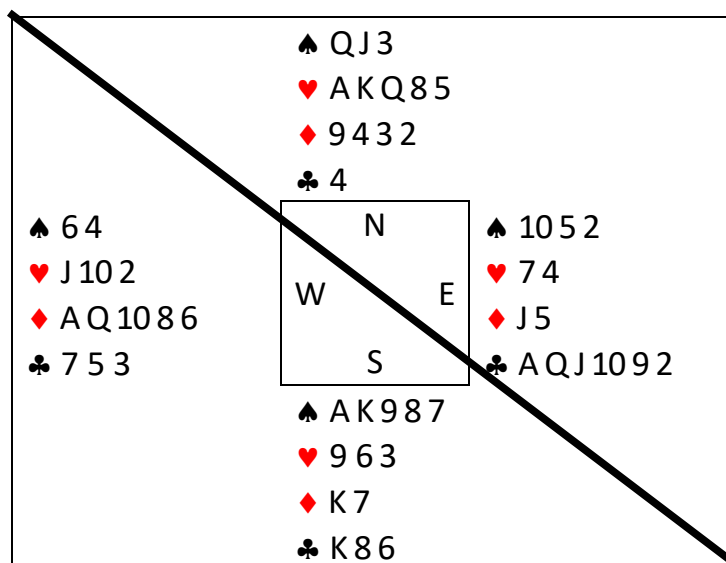


West	North	East	South
	1♣	1NT	pass
pass			

Before North could bid, which she was going to with a hand with 5-6 in the black suits, West and South picked up their pass cards and South led the ♠2 while West opened the screen.

**Board 22. Screens in use**

East/EW



West	North	East	South
		pass	1♠
pass	2♣	dbl	3♣
pass	4♠	All pass	

Pairs. 2♣=GF, clubs or balanced.

West led the ♥J. Declarer won in dummy, drew two rounds of trumps and played a club. East rose with the ♣A, and when West had not led a club after the lead-directing double, East thought that West must have good hearts, so played a trump to deny declarer a ruff. However, that gave declarer 11 tricks.

When asked by her partner why she hadn't led a club, West said that she thought East's double was for takeout, having received the explanation "natural" of 2♣. The TD was called, North said that 2♣ did not promise clubs and that she had added "I think my partner has forgotten the system" when she saw the 3♣ bid and was asked for an explanation.

**Board 23. Screens in use**

South/Both

		♠ 6	
		♥ J 9 4 3	
		♦ A 9 7 5 3	
		♣ K 9 5	
		N	♠ A K Q J 7 4 3 2
♠ 10 9 8	W	E	♥ 7 2
♥ A K 8			♦ —
♦ 10 8			♣ Q 7 6
♣ A J 4 3 2	S		
		♠ 5	
		♥ Q 10 6 5	
		♦ K Q J 6 4 2	
		♣ 10 8	

West	North	East	South
			pass
1♣	pass	1♥ ⁽¹⁾	2♣ ⁽²⁾
dbl ⁽³⁾	pass	4♦ ⁽⁴⁾	pass
4♠	All pass		

1♥ = Transfer to spades

2♣ = Shows 6 diamonds and 4 hearts but wasn't alerted

dbl = 3-card spade support

4♦ = Limited splinter

West was correctly told the meaning of 2♣ but it was not alerted for East and she says she assumed it was natural because their 1♣ opener could be as short as two cards. She says she would have bid more with the correct explanation, but is unclear whether that would have been to bid on over 4♠ or to have bid 5♦ on the second round.

If the TD asks, EW play cue-bids as showing either first or second-round controls, but do not play that it is mandatory to cue-bid. West thinks his hand is not good enough(!) to cue-bid.

Polling players will show that they do not bid over 4♠. If asked further they will say that the reason for missing the slam was West's not cue-bidding 4♥ over 4♦.



♠ 9 6 4		♠ A J 2	
♥ Q 5		♥ K 10 3	
♦ K J 9 6 4		♦ 8 3 2	
♣ A 7 3		♣ J 10 8 5	
	W		E
	S		
		♠ Q 10 8 5 3	♠ K 7
		♥ A J 8	♥ 9 7 6 4 2
		♦ A 10 5	♦ Q 7
		♣ K Q	♣ 9 6 4 2

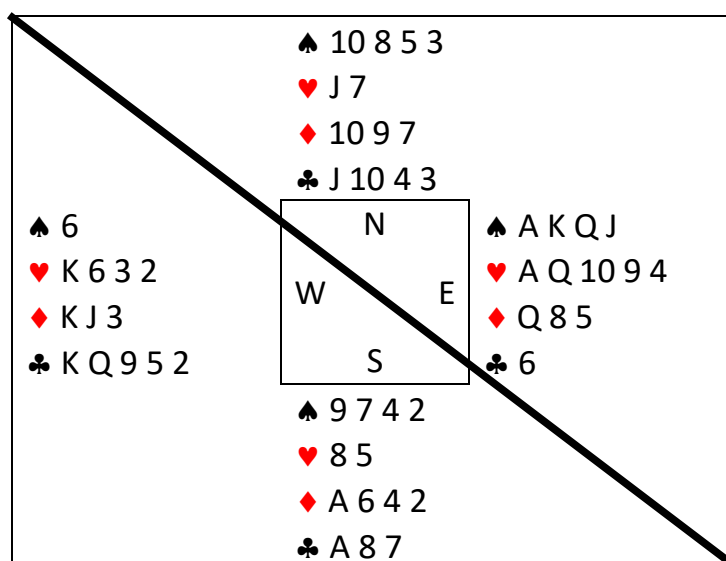
West	North	East	South
	1NT	pass	2♦
pass	2NT	pass	3NT
All pass			

After the match, EW want a ruling because alert of 2♦ was late (or did not happen): Double of 2♦ (transfer) shows a strong hand, double of 2♦ (Forcing Stayman) shows diamonds; with the right information, West would double and 3NT is off on a diamond lead.

- Tablets. TD checks logs and alert from South came after 5 seconds, pass by West 2 seconds after alert.
- Tablets. TD checks logs and pass from West after 5 seconds, alert by South 2 seconds after pass
- Bidding boxes. South alerted clearly but after West passed.
- Bidding boxes. South did not alert properly, and West did not see.

**Board 25. Screens in use**

North/EW



West	East
	1♥
3♠	3NT
4♣	4NT
5♣	6♥
All pass	

East correctly told North that 3♠ showed heart support with an unspecified void, 3NT enquired, 4♣ showed a void club, 4NT was RKCB and 5♣ showed one key card. The system card supports this explanation.

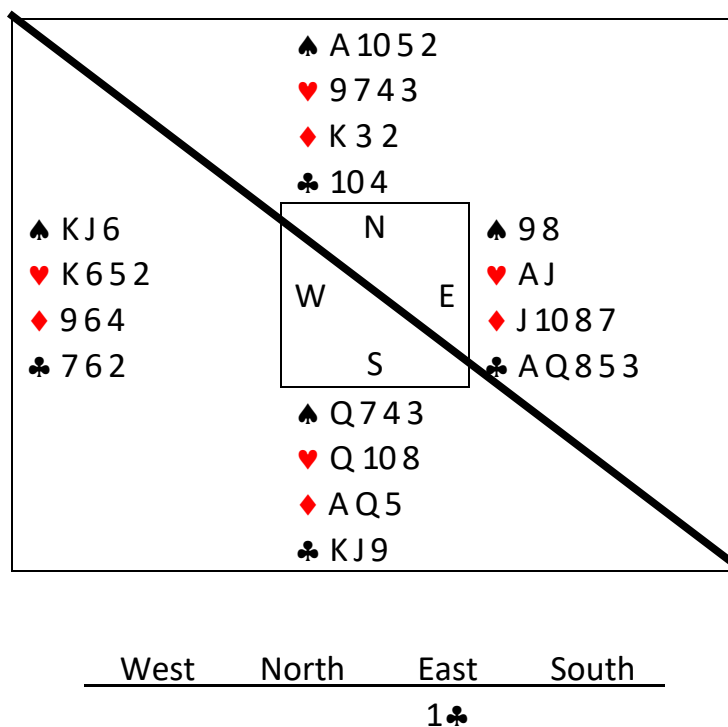
West had forgotten the system and explained 3♠ as a splinter bid and 4♣ as a cue-bid – the hand he actually held.

South thought that the auction indicated that East should have a void in order to bid slam knowing he was missing two aces, so he chose to lead a trump rather than to risk leading the wrong ace. After the hand was finished and 6♥ had made, it turned out that North had a different explanation, one that West now woke up and agreed was a correct description of their agreements.

A lead poll with South hand and the description of the auction as given by East will find 70% of pollees leading the ♦A, with others still leading a trump and one leading a low club.

**Board 26. Screens in use**

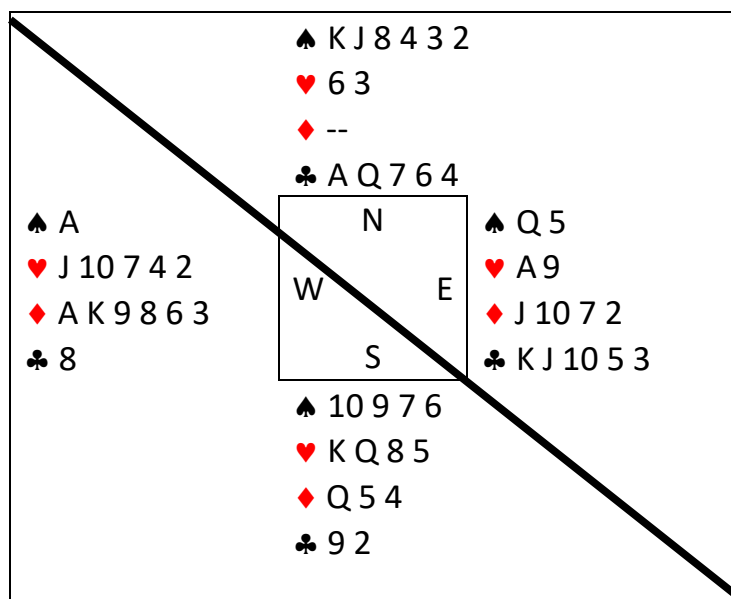
East/Both



East called the TD before the tray was pushed. He said that he had accidentally opened 1♣ and asked to change it to 1♦. When asked about the system agreements by the TD, he said that they played a natural system but opened 1♦ if holding 4-5 in the minors.

**Board 27. Screens in use**

South/None



The auction started:

West	North	East	South
			pass
1 ♦	2 ♠	3 ♣	4 ♠
pass	pass	5 ♦	pass
pass	5 ♠	pass	

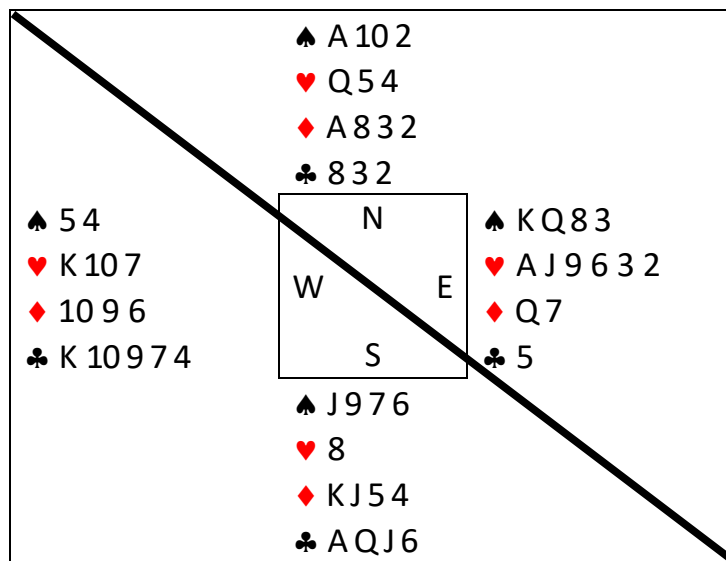
At this point the tray is passed only halfway through the screen, so that South and West cannot see the North or East cards at all.

South and West think the auction is over and that North has passed, meaning that the contract would be 5 ♦.

They take up their bidding cards and pass the tray back, which means that North and East think that South and West have passed and the contract is 5 ♠. East leads ♦J and the screen is opened, when it becomes clear that something has gone wrong and the TD is called.

**Board 28. Screens in use**

West/NS



West	North	East	South
pass	1♦	1♥	dbl
2♥	pass	3♣ ⁽¹⁾	dbl
4♥	pass	pass	dbl
pass	pass	pass	

3♣ was described by East to North as shortage, which is the correct agreement, but by West to South as 4+ clubs.

South leads a heart to the 9 and plays low when declarer leads a club from hand. This results in the contract making.