

GOREN BRIDGE

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THE SAFE HAND

East-West vulnerable, East deals

NORTH

♠ K 9 4 2

♥ Q 8

♦ K 8 5

♣ A 9 4 2

WEST

♠ 10 7 6 5

♥ Void

♦ J 10 9 7 4 3 2

♣ 7 3

EAST

♠ 8

♥ K J 10 7 4 3

♦ A Q 6

♣ Q 6 5

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 3

♥ A 9 6 5 2

♦ Void

♣ K J 10 8

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♥*
Pass	4♠	All pass	

*Spade fit, invitational or better

Opening lead: Jack of ♦

What would you bid with the South hand after East's one heart opening? The one spade overcall looks just right to us.

The diamond lead suggested a heart void with West. South played low from dummy and ruffed in his hand with the jack. He reasoned that it would make no difference if the trumps split 3-2, but it might make

things easier if West had four trumps. That was good thinking. South cashed the ace and queen of spades, and then drew the rest of the trumps by leading a spade to dummy's nine and cashing the king. Wanting to keep West off lead, South led a club to his king and ran the jack of clubs, losing to East's queen. East exited with his remaining club. South won in hand and led a club to dummy's ace, leaving this position:

NORTH

♠ Void

♥ Q 8

♦ K 8

♣ Void

WEST

♠ Void

♥ Void

♦ 10 9 7 4

♣ Void

EAST

♠ Void

♥ K J

♦ A Q

♣ Void

SOUTH

♠ Void

♥ A 9 6 5

♦ Void

♣ Void

South led dummy's queen of hearts and allowed East's king to hold the trick. Rather than see his own suit run against him for an overtrick, East cashed the ace of diamonds and conceded. Well played!