

# GOREN BRIDGE

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## PICKING THE TRUMP SUIT

Both vulnerable, North deals

**NORTH**

♠ 7 5

♥ A Q 10 3 2

♦ Q 10 9 7 3

♣ A

**WEST**

♠ K 8 3 2

♥ J 9 8 7

♦ K 4

♣ 7 5 4

**EAST**

♠ 9 4

♥ K 5 4

♦ A J 8 6 5 2

♣ 6 2

**SOUTH**

♠ A Q J 10 6

♥ 6

♦ Void

♣ K Q J 10 9 8 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

Today's deal is from a recent online team match. South showed five spades plus longer clubs and let North choose the trump suit. North, quite reasonably, chose spades. West found the excellent lead of the king of diamonds. South ruffed, led a club to dummy's ace, and took the spade finesse, losing to West's king. Had West continued with another

diamond, South would have lost control of the trump suit and surely been defeated. West, however, shifted to a heart. South won with dummy's ace, drew trumps, and claimed the rest. A lucky make.

At the other table, South gave up on spades when North showed a red two-suiter. He insisted on clubs as the trump suit. North cue bid his ace of hearts and South jumped to six clubs. Even if partner could not give South another useful card, the ace of hearts alone would give South some play for six clubs. The king of spades or the ace of clubs, in addition to the ace of hearts, would make the slam cold. Six clubs made easily despite losing the spade finesse.

The moral of this story? When you know what the trump suit should be, don't ask partner's opinion. Insist on your choice and maybe partner, no longer worried about finding the right trump suit, can tell you something about his hand that will help you choose the right level.

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