

# GOREN BRIDGE

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## THE EASY WAY

Neither vulnerable, East deals

### NORTH

♠ K 8

♥ K 10 4

♦ Q J 7 6 5 4 2

♣ 4

### WEST

♠ Q

♥ J 8 5 2

♦ A 9 3

♣ K J 7 5 2

### EAST

♠ J 10 6

♥ A Q 9 7 6 3

♦ 10

♣ 10 8 6

### SOUTH

♠ A 9 7 5 4 3 2

♥ Void

♦ K 8

♣ A Q 9 3

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Two of ♥

Today's deal is from a recent team match, where the auction and the opening lead were the same at both tables. Both declarers played dummy's 10 of hearts at trick one and ruffed East's queen of hearts. Their paths differed from there.

The first declarer took a line of play that offered several chances to

be successful. He cashed the ace of clubs at trick two and ruffed a club in dummy. A heart ruff back to his hand was followed by another club ruff, this time with dummy's king of spades. Another heart ruff got South back to his hand and he led the ace and another spade. This line of play would have worked had the trumps split 2-2 or if the king of clubs had fallen after one or two ruffs. None of that happened on this deal and the contract was down one.

The other declarer took a much simpler line. He led the king of diamonds from his hand at trick two. West could do no better than to win and lead another heart. South ruffed, cashed the ace of spades, and led a diamond to dummy's queen. East ruffed and shifted to a club, but South rose with his ace and led a spade to dummy's king. This drew the last trump and declarer discarded his club losers on dummy's good diamonds. This declarer made an overtrick! Nicely done!

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