

# GOREN BRIDGE

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## SILENCE IS GOLDEN

East-West vulnerable, North deals

### NORTH

♠ Q 5 3  
♥ A 6 5 3 2  
♦ K J 10 8 4  
♣ Void

### WEST

♠ 9  
♥ 8 7  
♦ 7 3 2  
♣ K Q J 9 7 6 5

### EAST

♠ J 10 6 2  
♥ Q J 10 9  
♦ A Q 9  
♣ 3 2

### SOUTH

♠ A K 8 7 4  
♥ K 4  
♦ 6 5  
♣ A 10 8 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♥	Pass	1♠	3♣
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Dbl	Redbl	All pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♥

East had every reason to hope that the defense would be successful, but he had no reason to double. South announced what he thought of the double and West led the eight of hearts.

South won the opening lead in hand with the king and ruffed a club in dummy. He led the jack of diamonds to East's queen, and East continued with the jack of hearts to

dummy's ace. The king of diamonds lost to East's ace and another heart was led. South ruffed with the seven of spades and was over-ruffed with the nine. West chose to exit with a diamond, but a club would have been no better. Dummy's 10 won the fourth trick for declarer, leaving this position:

### NORTH

♠ Q 5  
♥ 6 5  
♦ 8 4  
♣ Void

### WEST

♠ Void  
♥ Void  
♦ Void  
♣ K Q J 9 7 6

### EAST

♠ J 10 6 2  
♥ Q  
♦ Void  
♣ 3

### SOUTH

♠ A K 8 4  
♥ Void  
♦ Void  
♣ A 10

South led dummy's eight of diamonds and both East and South discarded clubs. South, who was confident of the spade position, had several ways to take the rest. He chose to lead a low spade from dummy and he won East's 10 with the king. He led a spade to dummy's queen and continued with the four of diamonds. East had no winning option. Nicely played!