

GOREN BRIDGE

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‘WHAT WERE YOU...?’

East-West vulnerable, East deals

NORTH

♠ 2

♥ A

♦ A 10 7 5 4 2

♣ 10 9 7 4 2

WEST

♠ J 10 8 5

♥ J 10 9 7 5 3

♦ Void

♣ 8 6 5

EAST

♠ K Q 3

♥ 8 6 2

♦ Q J 9 3

♣ A Q J

SOUTH

♠ A 9 7 6 4

♥ K Q 4

♦ K 8 6

♣ K 3

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1NT	Pass	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦	Pass	5♦
Dbl	All pass		

*Both minors

Opening lead: Jack of ♥

Today’s deal is from a youth competition in Scandinavia between a team from Norway and a team from Denmark. The Norwegian North’s bidding seems overly aggressive, although South would have accepted any invitation. We would like to

ask the young North player: “What were you thinking when you bid five diamonds?” In a senior competition, we would ask a similar question: “What were you drinking ...?” The Danish East player, with a trick or two in trumps and a strong club holding sitting over the club “bidder,” made a reasonable penalty double.

South won the opening heart lead in dummy, perforce, and led a low club. East won with his ace and shifted to the king of spades. South won with his ace, cashed the king of clubs, and ruffed a spade in dummy. He ruffed a club in his hand and discarded dummy’s remaining clubs on the king and queen of hearts. Another spade ruff left a four-card ending with North and East holding four trumps each.

A low diamond from the table went to the nine and king, South ran the eight of diamonds into East, who won with his jack, but then had to lead a diamond into dummy’s ace-10. Making five, doubled. Well played!

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