

# GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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## NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Neither vulnerable, East deals

### NORTH

♠ J  
♥ A 9  
♦ K 10 9 7 6  
♣ A Q 9 6 3

### WEST

♠ 9  
♥ K J 10 5  
♦ Q 8 5 3  
♣ K J 8 4

### EAST

♠ K Q 10 8 7 5 2  
♥ 6 4 2  
♦ 4 2  
♣ 10

### SOUTH

♠ A 6 4 3  
♥ Q 8 7 3  
♦ A J  
♣ 7 5 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
4♠	Pass	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣	All pass	

\*Both minors, at least 5-5

Opening lead: Nine of ♠

Today's deal is from the recent South American Championships, held online this year due to the pandemic. South in today's deal was Italian expert Gabriele Zanasi. Zanasi won the opening spade lead with his ace and led a club to dummy's queen, noting the ominous fall of the 10 from East. He led a diamond back to his ace, a diamond to dummy's king,

and ruffed a diamond. He ruffed a spade in dummy, West discarding a heart, and ruffed another diamond in his hand. Another spade ruff left this position:

### NORTH

♠ Void  
♥ A 9  
♦ 10  
♣ A 9

### WEST

♠ Void  
♥ K J  
♦ Void  
♣ K J 8

### EAST

♠ K 10  
♥ 6 4 2  
♦ Void  
♣ Void

### SOUTH

♠ 6  
♥ Q 8 7 3  
♦ Void  
♣ Void

Zanasi led dummy's 10 of diamonds, which West ruffed and exited with the king of clubs. Zanasi won this with dummy's ace and led dummy's last club to West's jack. West was forced to lead away from his king of hearts and the contract made.

This was not good enough. Zanasi's team lost some ground on this deal. At the other table, the great Brazilian player Gabrielle Chagas played it card-for-card the same way, only he was doubled! Well played by both declarers.