

## Bridge

# Winning

# Contract

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Vul: NORTH

None ♠ 7  
♥ A 10 5  
♦ A Q 10 4 3  
♣ 10 8 6 4

WEST (D) EAST  
♠ A Q J 5 2 ♠ K 10  
♥ 4 ♥ Q J 9 7 6 3  
♦ K 8 6 ♦ J 9 2  
♣ Q 7 5 3 ♣ 9 2

SOUTH  
♠ 9 8 6 4 3  
♥ K 8 2  
♦ 7 5  
♣ A K J

### The bidding:

| West | North | East     | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1♠   | Dbl.  | Pass     | 2N.T. |
| Pass | 3N.T. | All Pass |       |

Opening lead: ♣ 3

Buffalo's Agnes Gordon, a former Canadian, put on a brilliant display of her accustomed skill when she played today's hand in the recent Canadian - American Championship at Montreal.

Few players would have dared to double on North's hand, and since a two-diamond overcall has little to commend it, most experts would have passed the one-spade bid and awaited developments.

North not only doubled; he raised his partner to game—requiring declarer to resort to cheek and chicanery to land her contract.

From the fact that West did not lead a spade, declarer decided that he must be missing two honors in the suit. If East gained the lead with a diamond — while he still held spades—the contract would go down; so, after winning the club lead with the jack, South returned a low spade.

A suspicious West played the jack and felled his partner's ten-spot. West led another club, and Mrs. Gordon won and played a second spade, taken by East's king, dummy discarding a heart.

Declarer won the heart return with the king, and finessed dummy's diamond ten, losing to East's jack.

But now East was out of spades and had to play another heart. Dummy's ace captured that trick; a club enabled declarer to return to her hand for a second diamond finesse which brought in her nine tricks: two in hearts, four in diamonds, and three in clubs.

With both vulnerable, North deals and holds:

♠—A K 9 7 6 3 2, ♥—10 6,  
♦—A J 9 7, ♣.

What should be bid? Answer tomorrow.

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