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### Deal From the Venice Cup and Bermuda Bowl

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One of the arts of declarer play is making life difficult for the defenders. And if you need a misdefense, usually the quicker you put your opponent on the spot, the better.

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

Both sides were vulnerable.  
The bidding:  
West North East South  
— — Pass 1♦  
1♠ Dbl. 3♠ 5♦  
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass  
West led the spade jack.

The diagramed deal occurred during the finals of the Venice Cup, Bermuda Bowl and d'Orsi Senior Trophy world championships in Bali, Indonesia, last month. At five of the six tables, South was in five diamonds doubled. (At the sixth, South opened and closed the auction with three no-trump. He went down five, losing five spades, three hearts and one club.)

In the Venice Cup match between England and USA-2, both Wests led the spade jack. Each East won with her ace and shifted to a trump.

The English declarer played off six rounds of diamonds. However, this permitted Migry Zur-Campanile (East) to discard in clubs to give her partner the count. So, when South finally led a club, Jill Meyers (West) knew to duck the first round.

Declarer won in the dummy, ruffed a heart and led another club, but West won with her ace and played a heart to East's king. South ruffed and had to lead away from her spade queen to go down two. Declarer lost three spades and one club.

Jenny Wolpert (South) did much better. After drawing East's trumps, she immediately led the club nine, forcing West to make a decision before seeing a signal from her partner. And, understandably, West erred, winning with her ace. West then had to cash the spade king, and South claimed the remainder for down one.

Plus 500 and minus 200 gained 7 international match points for USA-2 en route to the world title. The other members of the USA-2 team were Jill Levin, Disa Eythorsdottir and Janice Seamon-Molson.

At the other three tables, each declarer duplicated Wolpert's line. Two Wests won the first round of clubs; only Entschow Wladow from Germany in the Senior Trophy ducked.