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01-03-2011 North-South vulnerable. East deals.

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

| North | East | South | West |
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| -- | 1 Heart | Pass | 1 Spade |
| 2 Diamond | Pass | 3 Diamond | Pass |
| 3 Heart | Pass | 3 NT | All Pass |
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Opening lead: Six of ♥

The term "junior" is used rather loosely in tournament bridge. It encompasses all players under 23. Certainly, there was nothing about declarer's brilliant false card on this deal from a European Junior Championship to suggest immaturity.

Looking at all the hands, game is not a sound proposition. At the table, however it is difficult to stop short. North's three hearts asked declarer about a heart stopper and three no trump became the final contract.

West led the six of hearts and South, Ophir Reshef of Israel, realized that if East won the ace and shifted to a club, the contract was bound to fail – he could take only eight tricks before the defenders collected five. So he calmly dropped the queen of hearts under the ace!

East gazed at her majesty suspiciously, but the opening lead by West was consistent with a holding of 6-3. So East continued with a low heart. Declarer calmly played low, won in dummy with the five. The ace of diamonds was forced out and the contract rolled home. Needless to say, the brilliant and timely false card produced an excellent result.

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