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

North	East	South	West
--	--	2 Club	Pass
2 Heart	Pass	3 Club	Pass
3 Diamond	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♦

This deal is from the finals of the Wagar Women's KO

Teams at the recent ACBL Summer North American

Championships held in Reno. At one table, five diamonds was defeated by the bad trump break and accurate defense. Here, three no trump was reached after an artificial opening bid that showed either five clubs and a major suit or long clubs. After North bid her major suit, the rest of the auction was natural.

The opening lead was won by dummy's nine, and declarer ran the ten of clubs to West's king. Back came a spade and declarer captured the queen of spades with the ace. With the diamond position marked by the first trick, declarer was able to go after that suit without allowing East to gain the lead for a possible spade return through the knave.

West allowed the king of diamonds to win, so South entered dummy with a heart honor to continue with the queen of diamonds. West took the ace and reverted to a spade to East's king, bringing about this position:

	NORTH ♠ -- ♥K Q 8 ♦J 8 4 ♣ --	
WEST ♠ 108 ♥ 106 ♦ 107 ♣ --		EAST ♠ 6 ♥ J07 ♦ -- ♣ Q3
	SOUTH ♠ J ♥ 3 ♦ -- ♣ A J 8 7	

East led a heart. Declarer won in dummy, cashed in the two red-suit winners, discarding clubs from hand, and exited with a diamond, endplaying West. Declarer had to score the last two tricks with the jack of spades and ace of clubs.

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