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24th Nov 2010 North-South vulnerable. South deals.

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

North	East	South	West
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1 Heart	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
4 Spade	All Pass		

Opening lead: Five of ♣

Here's another deal from the Von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs at the ACBL Summer North American Championships in New Orleans.

Four spades was the contract at every table and, looking at all the cards, you can see that is makeable if declarer opts for the diamond finesse. However, after the club opening lead, declarer took advantage of being in hand to take the heart finesse and, when that failed, the contract was unmakeable — down one was the popular result — except at one table.

At that table, when declarer finessed the jack of hearts, East allowed it to win. Declarer cashed the ace and king of spades, and repeated the heart finesse — disaster. East won and returned a club to West, who drew all the trumps before cashing three more club tricks — down four and a clear bottom.

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