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

South	West	North	East
--	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 Diamond	1 Heart	2 Heart	Pass
2 Spade	Pass	3 Diamond	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

Opening lead: : Six of ♥

This deal is from the Vanderbilt Team Championship some years ago. The popular contract was a diamond part-score.

Here, however, the momentum of the auction carried North-South to three no trump.

Should it be beaten? Can it be made?

The diamond part-score presented no problem, declarer making 10 tricks in the other room.

Here, after a heart lead to the ten and king, declarer crossed to the king of diamonds to lead a spade to the queen and ace. West shifted to a low club and declarer had no problem coming to nine tricks, two in each of the majors and five diamonds.

However, look what happens, if instead of shifting to a low club, West shifts to the king, pinning declarer's singleton jack.

Now there is no way for declarer to come to nine tricks before the defenders get five. Try it.

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