


Humorous hand: Match 5 Hand 5.

Gunar Hallberg reported by Zia Mahmood.

<p>♠ Void ♥ A.Q.8.7.3 ♦ A.K.5.4.3 ♣ K.Q.J</p>	<p>LCCBA</p>  <p>LEDERER 96</p>	<p>♠ A.K.J.2 ♥ J.9.6.4.2 ♦ Q.J.10.6 ♣ Void</p>
<p>♠ Q.9.7 ♥ 10 ♦ 9.7.2 ♣ A.10.8.7.4.2</p>	<p>♠ 10.8.6.5.4.3 ♥ K.5 ♦ 8 ♣ 9.6.5.3</p>	

It is axiomatic that the best recipe for a harmonious partnership is not to have recriminations about disasters at the table - easy in theory of course.

However, observing this rule, this post-mortem occurred after the match was scored.

Hallberg sat North and his partner, Lionel Wright was South. Hallberg opened 1♥ and in the modern style, East overcalled with 1♠. Lionel dutifully passed and must have been slightly surprised to hear 2♠ on his left. Partner now produced a take-out double.

After a little thought, Lionel did as requested and pulled the double to 3♣. He may have been unsure about what to do with his six card suit but West was in no doubt, put the red card on the table and collected 1100 (it might not have worked so well as the lead of A♠ against 3♥ allows it to make). 2♠ doubled would have been two down.

After scoring, a slightly exasperated Hallberg asked why Wright had taken his action. "I was unsure if my trumps were good enough" he replied. "Oh well, perhaps if you'd had one more?" Gunar retorted.