

Hand of the Month

November 2005

North
♠ 9
♥ AJT7642
♦
♣ KJ854

West
♠ QJ852
♥ Q98
♦ KQ742
♣

East
♠ AK
♥
♦ J865
♣ AQT7632

South
♠ T7643
♥ K53
♦ AT93
♣ 9

Dealer: North			
Neither Vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
	1♥	2♣	2♥
2♠	4♥	P	P
P			
Opening lead: ♠K			

There was quite a bit of bidding on this hand. After the hand was completed, East offered up that he had not wanted to pass 4♥ but didn't know what to bid. Strangely enough, West said the exact same thing, adding that he couldn't mention his diamonds at the 5-level. The play went quickly. After cashing the ♠K South tried the ♠A, which North ruffed and led a low club. East won with the ten and when West showed out, he shifted to a diamond. North won the ♦A throwing a club. North cashed the ♥K and removed the trump (taking the marked finesse). He subsequently lost two more club tricks (♣KJ8) to East (♣AQ7). The result was down one.