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Bridge

Hand Description

Alex

S: Q T .

H: Q J T 5

D: 8 6 5 .  
C: Q J T 7

Nicole Owen (dummy)

S: 6 2 S: A K 8 7 4

H: K 9 8 6 2 H: A  
D: 9 4 2 D: A Q 7 3  
C: A K 9 C: 6 3 2

Tim:

S: J 9 5 3  
H: 7 4 3 .  
D: K J T .  
C: 8 5 4 .

Bidding:

N: pass, 2H, 3NT

A: pass, pass, pass

O: 1D, 3D, pass

T: pass, pass, pass

In the end, Alex and I took 5 tricks, Owen and Nicole took 8.

No partnership had a golden fit in any suit, so 3NT was where the bidding should have stopped.

During one point in the game, Nicole attempted to finesse Owen’s Queen of diamonds; however, When Owen’s Ace(D) was played, I played my Jack(D) so that my King(D) could be used to defeat the Queen(D). If the Jack(D) had been in Alex’s hand, I would have been forced to lose the King(D) to the Ace(D) as the Ten(D) had been used earlier in the game. Had the Diamonds been distributed differently, the finesse would have worked and the Nicole/Owen team would have made contract.