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MISBID AND MISPLAY - OF - THE - DAY

Some deals you rather forget. This one, however, kept me awake for almost a whole week here at the Frisco Fall NABC. In the round of 16 of the Baze Senior KO Teams we played against Lou Ann O'Rourke's squad. I picked up this hand:

♠ 9 ♥ A J 8 4 ♦ J 9 5 2 ♣ A Q 7 4

Bob, my partner, opened 1S, righty passed and after my 2C response lefty - Marc Jacobus - interfered with 2H. The bid is passed to you. Green versus red what would you do now?

Doubling for penalties seems the way to go. After having doubled two part scores, one made and one made with an overtrick, earlier in the week, I decided to follow a different road and ended the auction by bidding 3NT

Dealer :	NORTH		
North	♠ K 8 6 5 3		
Vul : E-W	♥ 9 5		
	♦ K Q 4		
	♣ K J 3		
WEST			EAST
	SOUTH		
	♠ 9		
	♥ A J 7 4		
	♦ J 9 5 2		
	♣ A Q 7 4		
South	West	North	East
--	--	1 Spade	Pass
2 Club	2 Heart	Pass	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

After a courtesy pause of 7.5 seconds I produced a Bath Coup by ducking the lead. The routine play proved to be fatal when West continued with a low spade. The rest was history. I rose with the King and tabled DK. At this point Jacobus showed me ♠AQJ and I had to accept down one in a contract which I could or rather should have made:

N/EW

♠: K 8 6 5 3

♥: 9 5

♦: K Q 4

♣: K J 3

♠: A Q J 4

♥: K Q 10 8 3

♦: A 8 7

♣: 8

♠: 10 7 2

♥: 6 2

♦: 10 6 3

♣: 10 9 6 5 2

♠: 9

♥: A J 7 4

♦: J 9 5 2

♣: A Q 7 4

If I had won the first trick and worked out the ♦A I was cold for nine tricks. By the way, 2H doubled would cost eight or eleven hundred.