Board 5
Dealer N
NS Vul

North: ♠ J843 ♥ 106 ♦ 10942 ♣ J64

West: ♠ 5 ♥ A87 ♦ AK65 ♣ A8752

East: ♠ Q102 ♥ KQ4 ♦ Q873 ♣ Q93

South: ♠ AK976 ♥ J9532 ♦ J ♣ K10

	NT	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	3	8	5	3	3
S	3	8	5	3	3
E	8	5	8	10	10
W	8	5	8	10	10

Par -130 3♦+1 EW

Several declarers missed a chance to make 3NT and I suspect they did not notice.

They probably looked in the bottom corner and said:
"The computer can't make 9 tricks either"

At two tables the lead was a small spade to the Jack and Queen.
At two other tables the lead was the A♠ and then a small spade to the Jack.
None of those 4 declarers made their contract, but they probably could have.

South had either opened 1♠ or overcalled 2♠ over a weak 1NT.
In either case, with so few points missing declarer will guess South has K♣.

On a small spade to the Jack declarer wins and starts on diamonds.
Only 3 diamond tricks, mean you appear a trick short.
However cashing 3 diamonds and then 3 hearts leaves the following position.

	West		East
♠	--	♠	102
♥	--	♥	--
♦	6	♦	8
♣	A8752	♣	Q93

Declarer saw South had 1 diamond. They discarded on the second round.
They also know South had 5 hearts. North discarded on the third round.

Declarer can guess South is 5-5-1-2. What 6 cards should South keep?

Most people will keep something like ♠AK9 ♥J ♣K10.
If they have then when East exits with the ♠10 South is endplayed.
They have to lead away from their ♣K and declarer's ninth trick is the ♣Q.

To defeat the contract South has to throw the ♠9 to keep ♠AK7 ♥J ♣K10.
If they have then they can lead the ♠7 to North's ♠8 to escape the endplay.

That would be a very hard defence to find indeed!