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A Credit to the Game Leaves a Legacy

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One of the true gentlemen of bridge, Ernesto d'Orsi, died on Jan. 9 in his hometown, São Paulo, Brazil. He was 78.

D'Orsi was president of the World Bridge Federation in 1991-92 and served on its executive council from 1980. He was a member of the organizing committee for every open world championship from 1996 to 2014 and chaired the committee in 2009, when the tournament was held in São Paulo.

D'Orsi, a mild-mannered, friendly man, was elected to the World Bridge Federation's Committee of Honor in 1986 and was chosen as the 1994 personality of the year by the International Bridge Press Association.

The Senior Bowl, which is played in odd-numbered years, is named after him.

D'Orsi was also a capable player. The diagramed deal occurred during the 2011 Vanderbilt Knockout Teams in Louisville, Ky.

The contract and opening leads were the same in both rooms. At the other table, when South led his diamond queen at Trick 2, East won the trick and returned a club, resulting in a speedy down one.

D'Orsi led the diamond jack at the second trick. West started to signal his doubleton. East was nervous that South had started with the club ace and king. If so, East needed to hold up his diamond ace to cut off declarer from the dummy.

At the third trick, declarer overtook his diamond queen with dummy's king. East, sticking to his plan, ducked again.

Now d'Orsi took advantage. He ran the heart jack, then led the heart ten, which was covered by the queen, king and eight. Declarer opted not to cash his heart ace but immediately exited with his last club.