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*σπάθη*

In *ŽA* 31 (1981), 94-5 I reconstructed *σφήν* as *\*speHn-* ~ *\*spHn-*, and I accepted provisionally *σπάθη* as *\*spH-dh-*. I now see that *σπάθη* can equally be *\*spHn-dh-* > *\*spH<sub>n</sub>dh-* > *\*sph<sub>n</sub>th-* (by Grassmann's Law) *\*sp<sub>n</sub>th-* > *σπαθ-*.

Germanic *\*spad<sub>n</sub>* could reflect a metathesis *\*spHndh-* > *\*spHdhn-*.

It is now possible to reconstruct a base *\*speH<sub>n</sub>-*. This will revise my note, and eliminate the doubt there expressed.

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