

Dir: South		♠ A 8 5 2	
Vul: Both		♥ Q 10 4	
		♦ 10 9 8 6	
		♣ A 2	
♠ J 10 7			♠ 9
♥ A K 9 8 5 2			♥ J 7
♦ J 2			♦ K Q 5 4 3
♣ 10 8			♣ J 9 7 6 5
		♠ K Q 6 5 3	
		♥ 6 3	
		♦ A 7	
		♣ K Q 4 3	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♠
2♥	3♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Opening lead: ♥A

Bidding commentary: As North, your 3♥ cuebid, showing a limit raise in spades or better, assumes that a jump to 3♠ in competition is weak. Most players now play that any jump raise in competition is preemptive. Partner assumes a limit raise for the time being. As South, if you would have accepted a limit raise (you would), bid 4♠ over 3♥. If you wouldn't have accepted a limit raise, sign off at 3♠,

Defensive commentary: As East, start a high-low with the ♥J at trick one. West knows the ♥J shows a singleton or doubleton, so he continues with the ♥K. As it happens, it was from a doubleton and now the ♥Q in dummy is an established winner. In order to kill the ♥Q before trumps are drawn, lead a third heart. West ruffs the third heart with the ♠9.

Play commentary: As South, do not overruff the ♠9! It is safer to discard your inevitable diamond loser. If West has ruffed with the singleton 9 (possible), and you overruff, you will wind up losing a trump trick to West. Worse, you will go down, losing two hearts, a spade and a diamond. If you discard a diamond at trick three, you take the next 10 tricks. Making four.

As a defender, when you have established a trick in dummy upon which declarer, now void in the suit, can take a discard (♥Q) and partner is also void in the suit, lead the suit while partner still has a trump to kill the discard.

As declarer, if faced with the choice of overruffing a spot card with an honor card (♠9 with the ♠Q), which may weaken your trump holding, discard a sure loser instead if you have one.