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♠ J108			
♥ K9852			
♦ AK963			
♣ Void			
♠ 76542	♠ K93		
♥ Q6	♥ A1043		
♦ 8	♦ 742		
♣ J7643	♣ 982		
	♠ AQ		
	♥ J7		
	♦ QJ105		
	♣ AKQ105		

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Cue bid

Partner leads the ♠6, covered by the ♠10.
What is your plan?

An inspection of the spot cards in spades should tell you what to do. If the ♠6 were fourth best, South would have none higher – clearly impossible. It must be second highest from a poor suit, in which case you should duck, keeping declarer to two spade tricks.

Later you will refrain from discarding a spade. You will of course use the ♥A to capture the ♥K.

2.

♠ AQJ62			
♥ J106			
♦ Q			
♣ QJ107			
♠ 875	♠ 943		
♥ 94	♥ 8752		
♦ K9642	♦ A108		
♣ A93	♣ K62		
	♠ K10		
	♥ AKQ3		
	♦ J753		
	♣ 854		

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣

All Pass
Transfer to spades

Partner leads the ♦4. What is your plan?

South's 3♥ must show good hearts and weak diamonds. Despite the shortage in dummy, you should take the ♦A and return the suit, shortening dummy's trumps.

To keep up the good work you should place partner with the ♣A (else your ♣K is dead) and later win the first round clubs. You can then continue the forcing game. When in with the ♣A, partner can play a fourth diamond.