

## THINKING BRIDGE - - By Eddie Kantar

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### Using the bidding as a guide to the play and defense

Dir: North Vul: Both	NORTH ♠ KQ87 ♥ AJ9 ♦ 7 ♣ KQ842		West	North	East	South
			--	1 Club	Pass	1 Heart
			Pass	1 Spade	Pass	3 Club
			Pass	3 Heart	Pass	4 Heart
			X	All Pass		
WEST ♠ A95 ♥ 72 ♦ QJ108 ♣ A953		EAST ♠ J432 ♥ 643 ♦ K65432 ♣ Void	Opening Lead = ♣A			
	SOUTH ♠ 105 ♥ KQ1085 ♦ A9 ♣ J1076					

**Bidding Commentary:** South's jump to 3♣ is invitational and North's delayed support at the three level is forcing. 4♥ by South is automatic.

**Lead Commentary:** As West, the bidding has tipped you off that North-South have at least eight clubs between them, more likely nine. Since partner has a singleton or void in clubs why not double? The only reason for not doubling is that you might chase them to 5♣, but that is unlikely.

**Defensive Commentary:** Not much to the defense after the lead. You continue with the ♣9, suit preference for spades, East ruffs, returns a spade to your ace and ruffs the club return for down one. Nice double and nice defense using the bidding to guide you.