

## THINKING BRIDGE - - By Eddie Kantar

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

Dir: East Vul: None	NORTH		West	North	East	South
	♠ AJ5		--	--	2 Heart	2 Spade
	♥ 432		Pass	4 Spade	All Pass	
	♦ A763					
	♣ A32					
WEST		EAST	Opening Lead = ♥9			
♠ 732		♠ 64				
♥ 95		♥ AKJ1087				
♦ 10854		♦ J9				
♣ KJ94		♣ 1076				
	SOUTH					
	♠ AKQ1098					
	♥ Q8					
	♦ KQ2					
	♣ Q85					

**Bidding Commentary:** Normal. South has enough to overcall, and North has enough to jump to game facing a two-level overcall. South should not count the ♥Q. It's probably worth zilch on the bidding.

**Defensive Commentary:** It is normal for East to start with three high hearts, for South to ruff the third round, and for West to discard a club. With four diamonds in dummy, a diamond discard is unthinkable.

**Play Commentary:** You should know that West has the ♣K. If East had the ♣K to go along with that beautiful six-card heart suit, East would have opened 1♥, not 2♥. At this point, your best bet is to draw trumps and test diamonds by playing the king and queen and over to the ace. If diamonds break 3-3, your troubles are over. If West has a likely fourcard diamond holding, lead dummy's remaining diamond and discard a club. Upon winning the diamond, West must lead away from the ♣K. Once again the bidding has helped you place the key missing card, the ♣K, and make a neat loser-onloser play.