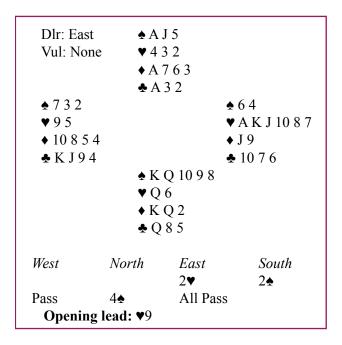
Using the bidding as a guide to play and defense

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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 \(\psi Q\). 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 four-card 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-on-loser play.