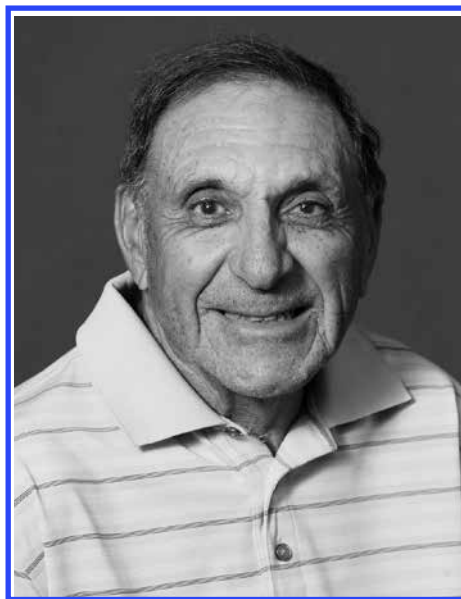


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**Weak jump overcall. The surrounding play**

Dir: West	♠ 7 2		
Vul: N-S	♥ K 8 5 4		
	♦ A 7 6		
	♣ Q 5 4 2		
♠ Q J 5 4 3	♠ A K 10 8		
♥ Q 7	♥ 2		
♦ 10 8 4	♦ K Q J 9 2		
♣ A J 6	♣ 9 7 3		
	♠ 9 6		
	♥ A J 10 9 6 3		
	♦ 5 3		
	♣ K 10 8		
West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥
2♠	3♥	4♠	All Pass
<b>Opening lead: ♥4</b>			

**Bidding commentary:** As South, your 2 H\* jump overcall is equivalent to an opening weak two-bid. As North, you have enough to give partner a single raise. As East, you are too strong to raise to 3♠. You have a side-suit singleton, phenomenal trump support plus a strong side suit. Please.

**Defensive commentary:** As South, you should recognize this dummy type – one with a powerful side suit plus strong trump support. Defensive tricks must be taken or established quickly. Clearly clubs is the suit to attack. The question is: which club to lead? When the dummy to the right has the 9-x-x-(x) and you have the Q-10-8-(x) or

the K-10-8-(x), you have the 9 surrounded with the 10-8 plus a higher unequal honor, the ingredients for a “surrounding” play. Attack with the 10, the higher of the two surrounding cards and the only card in your hand that defeats the contract. Your lead establishes two club tricks before the ♦A can be driven out. Assuming West covers with the ♣J (best), North wins and returns a club. You remain with the ♣K 8 over dummy’s ♣9 7. By covering the 7 with the 9 and the 9 with the king, you drive out declarer’s ace while retaining a club winner. When partner gets in with the ♦A, a club return defeats the contract. If you lead the ♣8, declarer plays low, partner wins the queen, but declarer remains with the A-J hovering over your king. Leading the king doesn’t work either. Declarer wins the ace, draws trumps and drives out the ♦A, all the while retaining a club stopper.

Other surrounding plays to be on the lookout for are: (1) leading the J from the AJ9(x) or the KJ9(x) when dummy to the right has the 10-x-(x); (2) leading the Q from A-Q-10-(x) when dummy to the right has the J-x-(x).