

North deals, EW vulnerable. EW silent.

North passes, South opens 1♥, North bids 2♦, South's rebid?

- ♠ A1095
- ♥ KQ1072
- ♦ 3
- ♣ AK9

North is a passed hand so 2♦ shows about 8-10 points and six diamonds. Most Souths rebid a misguided 3NT. Jumping to 3NT shows a balanced hand so promises 5♥332 shape.

Misguided thinking is: "I have a short diamond and cover in all the other suits so I will rebid in NTs". Correct thinking is: "I have an unbalanced hand so I will bid my four card suit, showing my shape".

When South rebids 2♠, North with their excellent shape raises to 4♠.

South plays 4♠ on the lead of ♣6:

- ♠ K764
- ♥ 63
- ♦ AJ9654
- ♣ J



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West	North	East	South
-	pass	pass	1♥
pass	2♦	pass	2♠
pass	4♠	all pass	

North's ♣J wins, South's play? Can South hold their losers to just one spade and ♥A, winning 11 tricks? Yes. Plan to play ♠A, ♠K then hearts, ruffing one or two hearts in North. But the problem is?

If South plays two rounds of spades and then ♥K, EW will win and lead a spade, now South is in danger of going down if they cannot make their hearts good with only one ruff. South must start on establishing their long side suit (♥) before playing trumps.

	♠ K764 ♥ 63 ♦ AJ9654 ♣ J				
♠ J82 ♥ A9 ♦ 107 ♣ Q87654	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q3 ♥ J854 ♦ KQ82 ♣ 1032
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In 4♠, South wins the ♣6 with ♣J. The key play is to lead ♥3 at Trick 2, to start establishing South's side suit before playing trumps. No South led a heart, all led trumps and were defeated unless EW helped South.

Trick 2: Lead ♥3 to ♥K, West wins ♥A and leads ♦10.

Trick 3: Win ♦A.

Trick 4: Win ♥Q, these are the hands:

	♠ K764 ♥ - ♦ J9654 ♣ -				
♠ J82 ♥ - ♦ 7 ♣ Q8754	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q3 ♥ J8 ♦ KQ8 ♣ 103
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	♠ A1095 ♥ 1072 ♦ - ♣ AK				

Trick 5: Lead ♥2, if West ruffs with ♠8 discard ♦4. Ruff ♦7, now play ♠K, ♠A (drawing trumps), ruff ♥7 and claim 11 tricks. Or if:

Trick 5: Lead ♥2, if West discards ♦7, ruff ♠4, play ♠K, ♠A (♠J is out), lead ♥7. West can win ♠J but that's all, 11 tricks made.