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♠ 7
 ♥ A842
 ♦ 732
 ♣ A7643
 ♠ 862
 ♥ Q6
 ♦ 10864
 ♣ KQJ8
 ♠ K43
 ♥ KJ103
 ♦ K95
 ♣ 952
 ♠ AQJ1095
 ♥ 975
 ♦ AQJ
 ♣ 10

Dealer: North

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | Pass | Pass | 1 ♠ |
| Pass | 1 NT | Pass | 3 ♠ |
| Pass | 4 ♠ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

Opening Lead: ♣ K

South rebids 3S since he has a great suit and all points are working. North raises to four with two aces.

In dummy with the club ace, South has a choice of finesses. The spade finesse would be wrong. Even if it won, the king would have to be doubleton with East for South to avoid the spade loser, since South cannot repeat the finesse.

South should finesse in diamonds, since he can finesse twice in that suit.

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♠ J9732
 ♥ 954
 ♦ 863
 ♣ 54
 ♠ K65
 ♥ AK7
 ♦ KQ10
 ♣ Q972
 ♠ 104
 ♥ Q102
 ♦ A95
 ♣ AJ863
 ♠ AQ8
 ♥ J863
 ♦ J742
 ♣ K10

Dealer: South

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | Pass |
| 1 NT | Pass | 3 NT | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

Opening Lead: ♠ 3

Bidding is straightforward. Fourth-best opening lead.

If South mechanically plays third-hand high (the ace,) West can duck two rounds of spades. This takes all spades out of South's hand. After South wins the club king, West has the rest. Making 4.

South should preserve an entry to North's spades by playing the QUEEN at trick one. Declarer will take the king, fearing it might be his only chance to do so. Now when South wins club king, he plays ace of spades and low spade. Down one.