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♠ J854  
 ♥ Q8  
 ♦ AJ954  
 ♣ A6  
 ♠ AQ2  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ Q876  
 ♣ Q10872  
 ♠ K1096  
 ♥ J543  
 ♦ K103  
 ♣ J3  
 ♠ 73  
 ♥ AK10976  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ K954

Dealer: North  
E-W Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♣ 7

South's jump rebid of 3H is not forcing...it shows 6-7 hearts with 9-11 points. North's two aces and the valuable queen of hearts make it an easy raise to game.

West leads the unbid suit since no other lead stands out.

South sees two spade losers and two club losers, but the club losers can be ruffed in dummy.

South must play on clubs before touching trumps. If he ruffs the third club low, East can overruff and lead a trump. Down one.

South should ruff the third club with the QUEEN and ruff the fourth club low. The fourth is overruffed with the jack, but then East loses his natural trump trick. Making 4!

In general, when ruffing two losers in dummy, it is sometimes right to ruff the first one high when there is a danger of an overruff.

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♠ J105  
 ♥ AJ3  
 ♦ 864  
 ♣ 8532  
 ♠ 6  
 ♥ KQ108  
 ♦ 7532  
 ♣ Q764  
 ♠ Q942  
 ♥ 97654  
 ♦ 109  
 ♣ J10  
 ♠ AK873  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ AKQJ  
 ♣ AK9

Dealer: South  
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening Lead: ♥ K

South's cue bid of four clubs shows first-round control, with spades assumed as trumps since they have been bid and raised. North then cue-bids the heart ace and south has an easy decision to bid a slam (but not a grand slam since missing two queens.)

South wins the heart lead and must find East with the spade queen, since there is a sure club loser. South should lead the jack of spades from dummy.

East should NOT cover the jack. If he does, South can discover the position and finesse the eight of hearts, making six.

If East ducks the spade jack (but covers the ten if led next), East ends up with a spade trick. Check it out!

A good general rule...cover the SECOND of touching honors when defending.

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