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1
 ♠ J964
 ♥ Q74
 ♦ A73
 ♣ KJ4
 ♠ K7
 ♥ K85
 ♦ QJ108
 ♣ A732
 ♠ 52
 ♥ 9632
 ♦ 964
 ♣ 10865
 ♠ AQ1083
 ♥ AJ10
 ♦ K52
 ♣ Q9

| Dealer: South | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|------|-------|---|
| West | North | East | South | |
| | | | 1 | ♠ |
| Pass | 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 | ♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | | |
| Opening Lead: ♦ Q | | | | |

South has a potential loser in every suit. To guarantee the contract, South should win the opening lead and immediately force out the ace of clubs. If West then continues diamonds, South can win and pitch a losing diamond on a high club. Making 4 even if the major suit finesses lose.

2
 ♠ J84
 ♥ AJ82
 ♦
 ♣ QJ9652
 ♠ 75
 ♥ 104
 ♦ AQ96542
 ♣ 83
 ♠ AQ2
 ♥ K953
 ♦ J3
 ♣ AK74
 ♠ K10963
 ♥ Q76
 ♦ K1087
 ♣ 10

| Dealer: North | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|------|-------|--|
| West | North | East | South | |
| | Pass | 1 NT | Pass | |
| 3 ♦ | Pass | 3 NT | Pass | |
| Pass | Pass | | | |
| Opening Lead: ♠ 10 | | | | |

East wins the opening lead with the queen and leads the jack of diamonds. If South covers, East should allow the king to hold! East wins any return (or the second heart) and has a marked finesse of the 9 of diamonds to bring in the diamond suit.

South should duck the jack of diamonds. The king of diamonds cannot be captured and East gets only 3 diamond tricks. Down one.