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**1**

♠ 10986  
♥ QJ7  
♦ 82  
♣ Q832

♠ A32                      ♠ QJ4  
♥ AK4                      ♥ 653  
♦ 974                      ♦ KQJ103  
♣ AK65                    ♣ 74

♠ K75  
♥ 10982  
♦ A65  
♣ J109

Dealer: South  
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening Lead: ♠ 10

If West plays queen or jack on the opening lead, South should NOT cover. If South covers, West has an entry to diamonds once the ace is knocked out. By keeping the king behind the remaining honor (assuming West played an honor), South can shut out the diamonds by holding off the ace of diamonds until the third lead of the suit. Down one.

But West can make the contract by playing LOW from dummy on the opening lead, winning ace in hand, then starting on diamonds. Either the queen or jack will then eventually be an entry to the established diamonds. Making four.

**2**

♠ AKJ873  
♥ 432  
♦ A  
♣ AJ2

♠ 6                              ♠ 54  
♥ AQ98                      ♥ K106  
♦ 108542                    ♦ KQJ3  
♣ 976                        ♣ Q854

♠ Q1092  
♥ J75  
♦ 976  
♣ K103

Dealer: North  
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: ♦ K

North needs to locate the queen of clubs, but decides to let the opponents do it for him. After pulling trumps ending in dummy, he ruffs a diamond, goes to dummy with a trump and ruffs another diamond, then leads a heart. The defense can take three hearts, but then must either lead a club, saving North a guess, or lead another suit, giving North a ruff-sluff.