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♠ AQ1054  
 ♥ KQ76  
 ♦ J74  
 ♣ 8  
 ♠ KJ2  
 ♥ J1042  
 ♦ A105  
 ♣ K64  
 ♠ 73  
 ♥ A98  
 ♦ KQ2  
 ♣ AJ1093  
 ♠ 986  
 ♥ 53  
 ♦ 9863  
 ♣ Q752

Dealer: North  
Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♠ 5

West wins the first spade and has seven top tricks so must develop two more. South is the danger hand...a spade lead from South would allow North to run the spades.

West should play on clubs to keep South out of the lead. West goes to dummy with a high diamond and leads the club jack, letting it ride, then the club 10. When these win, the king of clubs and a diamond to dummy to cash the club ace results in 5 club tricks. West then cashes the two remaining aces.

Meanwhile North has been discarding and has only AQ of spades and heart king. West leads the last heart and North wins but must give West a spade trick. Making 5!

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♠ Q107  
 ♥ AQJ  
 ♦ 763  
 ♣ AQJ4  
 ♠ AK642  
 ♥  
 ♦ K942  
 ♣ K1083  
 ♠ 93  
 ♥ 7653  
 ♦ J1085  
 ♣ 965  
 ♠ J85  
 ♥ K109842  
 ♦ AQ  
 ♣ 72

Dealer: West  
Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	?	

Opening Lead: ♠ 9

West takes the AK of spades and returns a HIGH spade for East to ruff; the high spade asks for a diamond return. East obeys and leads the jack of diamonds.

North should NOT finesse. Adding the points in North's hand and dummy (26), and the fact that West opened the bidding, North should realize that the diamond finesse will lose.

North should win the diamond ace and finesse in clubs. Then, ace of hearts and overtake jack with king, finesse in clubs again. Heart queen, then pitch diamond queen on club ace and ruff a diamond. Pull last trump. 10 tricks.