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♠ 10
 ♥ 10985
 ♦ 6432
 ♣ AQ97
 ♠ A9876
 ♥ KQJ
 ♦ K98
 ♣ J3
 ♠ K543
 ♥ A2
 ♦ AJ107
 ♣ 864
 ♠ QJ2
 ♥ 7643
 ♦ Q5
 ♣ K1052

Dealer: East
 Neither Vulnerable

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

 Opening Lead: spade10

West wins two high trumps and learns of the sure spade loser. There are also two club losers and a possible diamond loser.

West would like the opponents to lead diamonds. To accomplish this, West plays three hearts to pitch a club from dummy. He then leads a club. The opps can take two clubs and the trump winner, but then must either lead diamonds, saving West a guess, or lead a club or heart, giving West a ruff-sluff to get rid of diamond loser.

2

♠ AKQ3
 ♥ 7
 ♦ K654
 ♣ KJ102
 ♠ 10742
 ♥ Q5
 ♦ 93
 ♣ Q9863
 ♠ J96
 ♥ 84
 ♦ AQJ82
 ♣ A75
 ♠ 85
 ♥ AKJ109632
 ♦ 107
 ♣ 4

Dealer: East
 Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

 Opening Lead: ♦ 9

East wins the first two diamonds and knows that both South and West are out of diamonds. If West's hearts are singleton king, or Qx, or Jxx, or 10xxx, a diamond lead will promote a trump trick for West.

But leading a diamond at trick three would be a mistake. South simply pitches a losing club instead of ruffing. South can win any return and take the rest, making 4.

But if East simply cashes the club ace before leading the diamond, South is down one!