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♠ AQ103	
♥ Q932	
♦ QJ5	
♣ 76	
♠ KJ87	♠ 942
♥ 6	♥ 54
♦ AK932	♦ 108
♣ K95	♣ Q108432
	♠ 65
	♥ AKJ1087
	♦ 764
	♣ AJ

Dealer: West
 Neither Vulnerable

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

Opening Lead: ♦ A

South's jump to 2H in the balancing seat is not weak..it shows a sound opening hand with a six-card suit. North has an easy raise to game.

East should play an encouraging 10 on the opening lead; West next plays the diamond king and continues the suit...East ruffs the third round.

South can count six heart tricks, one club and one spade, so two more tricks are needed in spades. South must play West for both spade honors, and first finesse the 10, then back to hand to finesse the queen. Making 4.

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♠ AK42	
♥ KQ3	
♦ QJ8	
♣ AQ7	
♠ 9863	♠ Q105
♥ 8754	♥ J109
♦ 7	♦ 9642
♣ J1098	♣ K53
	♠ J7
	♥ A62
	♦ AK1053
	♣ 642

Dealer: North
 Neither Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	2 NT	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening Lead: ♥ J

North has 11 top tricks and two chances for a 12th: Leading toward spade jack, hoping queen is with East, or taking the club finesse.

But if the club finesse is taken first and it loses, it is too late to lead toward the spade jack. So, try the spade play first, and if that loses, fall back on the club finesse. There is a good chance that one of the plays will work, but they must be taken in the correct order.