

## THINKING BRIDGE - - By Eddie Kantar

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Take all your chances at bridge - 10

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♠ K Q 9 4 3

♥ A 5 4

♦ J 5

♣ 7 6 3

♠ A J 10 7 5

♥ K 6 3

♦ A 9

♣ A Q 2

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You open fourth seat with 1♠, West doubles, partner bids 2NT, a conventional limit raise in spades. East passes, and your leap to 4♠ ends the proceedings. West leads the ♦K. Don't come home lame on this one! Plan the play.

### Solution

Assuming West has the ♦Q, you have a 100% play on this one. Win the ♦A, draw trumps, and play the ♥A, ♥K and a third heart. A worst-case scenario finds East winning the third rounds of hearts and shifting to a high club. No sweat. Win the ♣A and exit with a diamond to West's queen. West must give you a trick with the ♣Q. If you exit with a diamond before stripping hearts, West can win, get out with a heart and now you will be stuck with two club losers after East wins the third heart and leads a high club.

The full deal

	♠ K Q 9 4 3	
	♥ A 5 4	
	♦ J 5	
	♣ 7 6 3	
♠ 2		♠ 8 6
♥ 10 8 7 2		♥ Q J 9
♦ K Q 10 8		♦ 7 6 4 3 2
♣ K 9 5 4		♣ J 10 8
	♠ A J 10 7 5	
	♥ K 6 3	
	♦ A 9	
	♣ A Q 2	