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

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♠ A K 9 7 4
♥ Q 6 2
♦ Q 10 6
♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣

All Pass

You lead the ♥5. East wins with the ♥A and returns the ♥J, covered by the ♥Q and ♥K. How do you continue?

You have made two tricks and are optimistic of coming to a third via the ♣K. If partner has ♣K-10-x, a trump trick will provide the fourth defensive trick. If not, you need to look elsewhere. The obvious place to look is in the diamond suit. If partner holds the ♦K, it will sit well behind the ♦A and be a winner.

You need to switch to a diamond now because otherwise dummy's long clubs allow declarer to discard diamond losers after your side's trumps and the ♣K have gone.

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

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1♣	Pass	Pass	4♥

All Pass

You cash the ♠A-K, East playing upwards and South dropping the ♠Q on the second round. What is your plan?

You have made two tricks. Assuming that declarer is not void, you will make a third with the ♣A. You know from partner's play in spades that no spade ruff is available.

A glance at your trump holding tells you that a trump trick is most unlikely; even if partner has the ♥Q, it will drop. If partner holds a singleton club, a ruff would do. However, if you think about it, no layout consistent with the bidding gives partner a singleton club. Indeed, partner, who passed your 1♣ opening, cannot hold two diamond honours in any shape. The way to give your side a diamond trick is to switch to a trump to knock out dummy's ♥K entry.

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