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

♠ A 9 8 4 3		
♥ Q 8 6		
♦ A Q 6		
♣ A 9		

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

You lead the ♥3. 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 hopeful of making the ♣K later. If partner holds the ♦A, it should make whether you lead the suit now or later. If declarer holds the ♦A, the setting trick will need to come from trumps. Although you can see that any trump finesse is working, you can also see that dummy is fairly short in trumps and that partner should have four.

You should play a third round of hearts (the ♥10), forcing dummy to ruff. This way, declarer cannot pick up partner's ♠K.

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

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

West	North	East	South
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

You win the first two tricks with the ♣K-Q, partner playing the ♣4 and ♣8, declarer the ♣3 and ♣9. How do you continue?

The play to the first two tricks marks partner with the ♣A. To have an opening bid, South must have all or nearly all the remaining high cards. Since your side cannot make the setting trick just yet, you should seek a safe exit.

Dummy's heart holding makes a heart switch very risky. For example, declarer might win the ♥Q with the ♥A and later finesse the ♥10. The spade situation is dangerous too. Declarer might hold the ♠K-J and score the jack on a free finesse.

A club continuation, which might well give a ruff and discard, is out too. This leaves a trump, which cannot give anything away.