

THINKING BRIDGE - - By **Eddie Kantar - 2**
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Dir: South Vul: E-W	NORTH ♠ K Q J 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ K J 4 2 ♣ Q 9 4		West	North	East	South
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			Pass	2 Club	Pass	2 Diamond
			Pass	3 NT	All Pass	
WEST ♠ 10 7 6 5 ♥ 10 9 7 6 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ K 5		EAST ♠ 9 8 ♥ A 8 5 4 2 ♦ Q 7 ♣ 8 7 3 2	Opening Lead = ♥10			
	SOUTH ♠ A 3 2 ♥ K J ♦ A 8 5 3 ♣ A J 10 6					

Lead commentary: With two equal-length suits, both majors, the suit with the sequence is the preferred lead.

Defensive commentary: East wins the ♥A and returns the ♥4, original fourth best. It is now clear (or should be) to East-West that hearts are ready to run - if they can just get in!

Play commentary: As South, you start with eight sure tricks: four spades, one heart, two diamonds and one club. Two finesses are available for extra trick(s), one in a suit missing a queen (diamonds), the other in a suit missing a king (clubs). Which finesse to take?

The one that works! Kidding. When two finesses are available, one suit missing a queen, the other a king, play the ace and king in the suit missing the queen. If the queen does not drop, hope that the king in the other suit is onside for a finesse. It's like having the best of both worlds