

THINKING BRIDGE -- By **Eddie Kantar -6**
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Dir: North Vul: None	NORTH ♠ 865 ♥ KQ ♦ A63 ♣ KJ1072		West	North	East	South
			--	1 Club	1 Spade	2 NT
			Pass	3 NT	All Pass	
WEST ♠ Q ♥ 105432 ♦ Q754 ♣ 653		EAST ♠ K10972 ♥ 986 ♦ J82 ♣ AQ	Opening Lead = ♠ Q			
	SOUTH ♠ AJ43 ♥ AJ7 ♦ K109 ♣ 984					

Bidding commentary: Some play South's jump to 2NT in competition as invitational (11-12 highcard points), not forcing. Others play it as a game force, showing 13-15 HCP.

Lead commentary: When partner overcalls and the opponents wind up in notrump, lead partner's suit unless you have a strong suit of your own with an outside entry.

Defensive commentary: This is a trick-one hand! If North fails to overtake the ♠Q, declarer is home free. South ducks the opening lead, and now that a spade cannot be continued, declarer has time to drive out both club honors and make an overtrick. Because East can see the ♠8 in dummy, he can afford to overtake the queen and persist with high spades, eventually setting up three spade tricks before South can develop dummy's clubs. East-West win the race if East plays the ♠K at trick one.

Play commentary: If East fails to play the ♠K on the queen, South should also play low, in effect killing the spade suit. As a defender, if your spot cards warrant overtaking partner's short-suit lead, do it! The lead may be a singleton.