

THINKING BRIDGE

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Dlr: West Vul: N-S	NORTH ♠ J 10 9 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ A 5 3 2 ♣ 7 6 4		West 1 NT	North Pass	East Pass	South 2 Heart
			Pass	3 Heart	Pass	4 Heart
			All Pass			
WEST ♠ A K 4 2 ♥ K 4 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ K 8 3 2		EAST ♠ Q 8 5 ♥ 5 3 ♦ 10 7 6 ♣ Q J 10 9 5	Opening Lead = ♠ A			
	SOUTH ♠ 7 6 3 ♥ Q J 10 8 7 6 ♦ K J 9 ♣ A					

Bidding commentary: South has a promising hand for a balancing 2♥ bid and has no trouble bidding game after North invites.

Play commentary: South counts 20 HCP between his hand and dummy, leaving the opponents with 20. Furthermore, South knows that West has 15-17 high-card points. East has already turned up with the ♠Q and presumably the