

## THINKING BRIDGE

By **Eddie Kantar** >> Using the bidding as a guide to play and defense - part 7  
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Dir: South Vul: None	NORTH ♠ A105 ♥ QJ9 ♦ AJ106 ♣ AJ8		West	North	East	South
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			2 Club(1)	X	2 Spade	3 Club
			Pass	3 Spade	Pass	4 Heart
			Pass	6 Club	All Pass	
			(1) Majors			
WEST ♠ KQ987 ♥ K10872 ♦ 73 ♣ 6		EAST ♠ J643 ♥ 65 ♦ Q982 ♣ 874	Opening Lead = (1) Majors			
	SOUTH ♠ 2 ♥ A43 ♦ K54 ♣ KQ10532					

**Bidding commentary:** West's 2♣ overcall (Michaels) shows 5-5, 5-6 or 6-5 in the majors with 7-10 high-card points or 15+ HCP. With 11-14 HCP hands - called "tweeners" - West would start by overcalling the higher-ranking suit.

**Play commentary:** With West marked with at least 10 major-suit cards and the ♥K surely offside, the entire hand depends upon locating the ♦Q. No rush. After drawing trumps and taking a losing heart finesse, you can discover that West did have five hearts and is almost certainly 5-5 in the majors with a singleton club. Therefore, West has two diamonds and East has four. That makes East is twice as likely to have the ♦Q as West, so cash the ♦A and run the ♦J through East.

**Defensive Commentary:**As East, when there are two or more equal honors in dummy (♦ J 10), cover the last equal.