

THINKING BRIDGE - - By Eddie Kantar

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Dir: South Vul: E-W	NORTH ♠ 74 ♥ Q63 ♦ A82 ♣ KQ862		West	North	East	South
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			Pass	3 NT	All Pass	
WEST ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣		EAST ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	Opening Lead = ♠Q			
	SOUTH ♠ A10 ♥ AK5 ♦ Q974 ♣ A943					

Opening lead: ♠Q

Bidding commentary: Any other sequence would be cause for alarm. Plan your play at IMPs and at matchpoints. The play will be the same at either form of scoring.

You need five club tricks to make this contract and if they break 2-2 or 3-1 there is no problem. You must concern yourself with a possible (what can go wrong) 4-0 division.

If you look closely at your clubs, you will see that if East has J-10-7-5, you cannot pick up the suit for five tricks. If, however, West has the four missing clubs, you can succeed if you start with the ace. When you see East show out, you can continue with the 9, which will be covered and won with dummy's queen. Now back to your hand with a heart followed by a low club to the 8. That gets you five club tricks and your contract.

The full deal:

Dir: South Vul: E-W	NORTH ♠ 74 ♥ Q63 ♦ A82 ♣ KQ862	
WEST ♠ QJ9652 ♥ 108 ♦ J ♣ J1075		EAST ♠ K83 ♥ J9742 ♦ K10653 ♣ --
	SOUTH ♠ A10 ♥ AK5 ♦ Q974 ♣ A943	

