

## THINKING BRIDGE by EDDIE KANTAR - 3

Dlr: East Vul: None	♠ A J 10 ♥ A 9 6 5 ♦ J 10 ♣ K Q J 10		
♠ Q 6 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ 8 6 4 3 ♣ 8 7 6 4	♠ 7 5 4 ♥ K Q J 10 8 7 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 9 3	♠ K 9 8 2 ♥ 2 ♦ A K Q 9 2 ♣ A 5 2	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	4♥	1♦ Dbl	2♥ All Pass

**Opening lead:** ♦3.

**Bidding commentary:** As South, your 2♥ weak jump overcall is akin to an opening weak two-bid. It shows 6-9 high-card points and a six-card suit, typically headed by two or three honors. North's raise to 4♥ is a bit aggressive. A "scientific" option is to make a forcing 2NT response, asking partner to further describe his hand. This response would elicit 3♥ from South, showing a minimum. With a better hand, South would show a side-suit feature, an ace or a king. As North, you should pass 3♥, but that is water.

**Defensive commentary:** As East, when partner leads a winning card in a suit you have bid, and a suit in which you have strength, check dummy to determine whether you want a continuation or prefer a shift. If you want a shift, play your lowest card. Good partners can usually work out the "shift" suit. It is usually dummy's shorter side suit. You want a heart shift, so play the ♦2.

If you get the shift, you can take two hearts and two diamonds and defeat the contract one trick. If you don't ask for a shift and partner plays another diamond, you get only one heart trick. Declarer can rattle off five spades and five clubs for 10 tricks.