

BETTER THINKING AS A DEFENDER

AKQ98	DEALER – 1 Spade
654	2 Spades
43	Pass
A95	

107	Pass	J65	Pass
AQ7	Pass	K982	Pass
1095		876	Pass
87432		Q106	

432	
J103	2 Diamonds
AKQJ2	4 Spades
KJ	

North rebids 2 spades because of the heart suit. Easy should lead a heart. When opening leader is weak in dummy's presumed long suit, an attacking lead's called for, 2 unbid suits, lead the stronger unless it's headed by the Ace. Lead heart 2, partner wins, cashes the Q, returns the 7 of hearts. Don't be tempted to lead a club, declarer must have it to open, Lead your 4th heart. Partner should ruff with the 10 of spades, (trump promotion) You'll score your Jack of spades, down 1.

96	Pass
732	Pass
AJ83	
AKQ9	

AQJ	DEALER – 1 Heart	K743	2 Hearts
AKJ96	4 Hearts	Q108	Pass
Q1065		2	
6		87432	

10852	
54	Pass
K974	Pass
J105	

North leads the A of clubs, partner plays the 5. Dummy's good for 1 thing only, ruffing diamonds. Club winners aren't going anywhere. Lead a trump at trick 2. Win diamond return and continue trump.

865 DEALER – 1 Club
KQ Pass
A63
KJ1072

Q Pass
105432
Q754
653

K10972
986 1 Spade
J82 Pass
AQ

AJ43
AJ7 3 NT
K109
984

West should lead the Q of spades, partners' suit. Partner has the entries if he can set up his suit. East must overtake the Q of spades, look at his spot cards.

KJ106 DEALER – 1 Heart
AQJ82 4 Hearts
J5
J7

A94
105 Pass
972
K10842

752 Pass
64 Pass
AKQ10
9653

Q83
K973 3 Hearts
8643 Pass
AQ

East leads the A and K of diamonds, partner plays the 2, then the 7 of diamonds. Stop and ask yourself, can we set this contract? A 3rd diamond won't beat the contract,. Shift to a club at trick 3 before the trick goes away
