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18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 North-South vulnerable. East deals.

	<b>NORTH</b> ♠Q 6 ♥K Q 10 7 ♦A K 9 7 ♣7 5 2	
<b>WEST</b> ♠J 9 7 ♥A 9 5 2 ♦6 4 ♣K J 10 9		<b>EAST</b> ♠A 8 ♥3 ♦Q J 8 5 2 ♣A 8 6 4 3
	<b>SOUTH</b> ♠K 10 5 4 3 2 ♥J 8 6 4 ♦10 3 ♣Q	

North	East	South	West
--	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 Diamond	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 Spade	Pass
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 Club
Pass	Pass	3 Heart	X
All Pass			

Opening lead: Six of ♦

For the next few weeks we will feature hands from the recent ACBL Fall North American Championships held in Orlando. This double-dummy deal is from the opening day. See how you would fare in three hearts doubled after the lead of the six of diamonds.

The key to success is to avoid leading trumps too early – if you do, East can gain the lead with the ace of spades, underlead the ace of clubs and West gets in to play ace of hearts and another. Try it.

At trick two lead the queen of spades! East wins and, since no diamond ruff exists, might as well play a club. If West wins and returns a club, declarer can crossruff for nine tricks. If, instead, West wins and plays ace and another heart, declarer wins, cashes the king of spades and ruffs a spade with a top heart, returns to hand with the jack of trumps and runs spades. The best the defense can do is take two trumps and a trick in each black suit.

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