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**Bridge Tips Tannah Hirsch**

21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2010 Both vulnerable. South deals.

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

North	East	South	West
--	--	1 Diamond	4 Hea
4 Spade	Pass	5 Club	Pass
5 Diamond	All Pass		

Opening lead: Ace of ♥

This deal is from the Wagar Women's KO teams at the recent Summer ACBL North American Championships. The contract and opening lead were the same at the two tables.

In one room declarer ruffed the opening heart lead and led the jack of diamonds. When West showed out, declarer rose with the king, cashed the master spades, discarding a club from hand, and led the ten of clubs, covered by the jack and won with the queen. With no entry to dummy, declarer could not avoid losing two clubs and the queen of trumps – down one.

At the other table, declarer Lynn Baker ruffed the opening lead, cashed the ace and king of diamonds and led the ten of clubs to the jack and queen and surrendered a trick to the queen of trumps. The heart return was ruffed, the table was entered with a high spade and another club was led, declarer finessing the nine. Declarer had to lose a club trick, but no more – five diamonds bid and made.

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