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Bridge Tips Tannah Hirsch

28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010 Neither vulnerable. West deals

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

North	East	South	West
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X	Pass	4 Heart	All Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

On this deal from a European tournament, South landed his contract of four hearts. How many trump tricks do you think declarer scored?

Once North elected to make a takeout double of one spade, there was no way to keep South out of four hearts. West led the ace of spades and shifted to the queen of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace, crossed to the table with king of clubs and led the eight of hearts to the ace, dropping the king. A club to the ace was ruffed by East, who forced dummy with a diamond, declarer ruffing with the ten in dummy.

Now declarer conceded a club to West and ruffed the diamond return with the queen. The carefully retained six of hearts was led, declarer finessing with the seven. East's last trump was drawn with the jack, and declarer crossed to the queen of spades to take the rest of the tricks and land the contract, scoring six trump tricks!

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