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3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 Both vulnerable. East deals.

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

North	East	South	West
--	3 Spade	4 Heart	All Pass

Opening lead: 9♠

Looking at all four hands, would you rather play or defend four hearts after the lead of the nine of spades, covered by the queen and taken by East with the ace. East shifts to the jack of clubs.

We hope you chose to play. Win with the ace of clubs, cross to dummy with a heart and cash the high spade, discarding a club and ruff the last spade. Now start running trumps. With one round to play, you come down to this position:

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

When you lead your last trump, if West sluffs a diamond, you part with a club from dummy and lead a diamond. West must duck, dummy wins and returns a diamond to endplay West into giving you a club trick. If West lets go a club, you can let go a diamond from the table and throw West in with his now bare king of clubs. If West makes the imaginative discard of the ace of diamonds, East can be squeezed and endplayed. Try it!

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