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Dealer : South Vul : Both	NORTH ♠ A 4 ♥ Q ♦ 10 9 5 4 2 ♣ K Q 9 6 3	
WEST ♠ 9 7 ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ K Q 8 7 6 ♣ 10 8 2		EAST ♠ K 10 8 6 ♥ J 8 6 4 ♦ Void ♣ A J 7 5 4
	SOUTH ♠ Q J 5 3 2 ♥ A K 9 7 2 ♦ A J 3 ♣ Void	

South	West	North	East
1 Spade	Pass	2 Diamond	Pass
2 Heart	Pass	3 Club	Pass
3 Diamond	Pass	4 Spade	

Opening lead: King of ♦

Canada's team was always feared at international events. It was spearheaded by Sammy Kehela and Eric Murray, who frequently played every board of an event. This was the case in this World Olympiad where Murray declared a spade game on this deal from a match against Iceland.

West led the king of diamonds and East discarded a club as declarer won. Murray played ace and another trump, winning with the knave when East ducked. Declarer shifted to the jack of diamonds, ducked by West and ruffed by East. The king of spades was cashed and East exited with a heart. The king of clubs from the table was covered by the ace and ruffed in the closed hand, and two more rounds of trumps were drawn to produce this ending:

	NORTH ♠ -- ♥ -- ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ Q	
WEST ♠ -- ♥ -- ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ 10		EAST ♠ -- ♥ J ♦ -- ♣ J 7 5
	SOUTH ♠ J ♥ 9 7 ♦ 3 ♣ --	

Now Murray exited with a diamond (a heart would have done as well) and no matter how the defense continued one trick was all they could get. Try it

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