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Bridge column by Tanna Hirsch

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

South	West	North	East
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2 NT	Pass	3 D	Pass
3 Heart	Pass	4 Heart	All Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♥

Here's another deal from a match to select a team for an international tournament. Note South's decision to open two no trump on a balanced hand with a good five-card spade suit and only a semi-stopper in clubs. North transferred to hearts and, proud of his holding, raised to game.

With a diamond lead declarer would have to go down one. That was not forthcoming. West led a trump, declarer drew trumps and conceded a trick to the king of spades and had no trouble making 10 tricks.

The auction in the other room was interesting to say the least:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

Pass Pass 1♣ 1♦

Pass 3♣ Pass Pass

Pass

South's one club was forcing, West's one diamond implied two suits of the same color, and East's three clubs was pre-emptive, which declarer could convert if he held two red suits. West led the diamond king — down one, for a gain of 11 IMPs.

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