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Dealer : South Vul : None	NORTH ♠ 7 6 2 ♥ K 9 2 ♦ A J ♣ Q 9 6 5 4	
WEST ♠ 9 8 4 3 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ A 10 2		EAST ♠ J ♥ Q J 6 5 ♦ K Q 10 8 4 ♣ J 7 3
	SOUTH ♠ A K Q 10 5 ♥ 8 7 3 ♦ 9 5 2 ♣ K 8	

South	West	North	East
1 Spade	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 Diamond	Pass	3 Spade	All Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♥

Study the bidding and hand diagram and decide: How many tricks should declarer make after the lead of the ace of hearts?

It would seem that the defenders have four tricks — one in each minor and two hearts. Can either side do better?

Suppose you attack with the ace of hearts and continue with the ten, ducked all round. Continue with a third round, won on the board. To avoid losing a second diamond trick, declarer must plan to ruff a diamond, so he cashes a high trump, crosses to the ace of diamonds and exits with a diamond.

East wins the second diamond and continues with a fourth round of hearts and, whether declarer ruffs high or low, West comes to a trump trick either via an overruff or, if declarer trumps high, by force. Down one.

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