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

South	West	North	East
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4 Spade	All Pass		

Opening lead: Eight of ♥

In the forthcoming weeks we will be presenting deals from the ACBL Fall North American Championships held two months ago in Seattle. This deal is from the Life Master Open Pairs.

Declarer won the opening lead with the ace and immediately ruffed a heart in hand.

The ace and king of trumps were cashed and a diamond was led, East winning the ace and exiting with a club.

Declarer ruffed and conceded a trump.

West was forced to exit with a club, covered by the jack and king and ruffed in the closed hand.

Declarer now exited with a diamond, endplaying West into returning a minor suit and giving South his fulfilling trick in one of the minors.

At one table East ended up in five hearts doubled.

South led the ace of spades, cashed the ace of clubs shifted to the nine of trumps.

To defeat the contract three tricks North had to hold up the ace of hearts to prevent the eight from becoming a dummy entry!

Try it.

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