

## 267. Help from the enemy

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Dealer South : Both vulnerable

North

♠ KJ10874

♥ 93

♦ Q53

♣ 93

South

♠ A53

♥ AQJ8

♦ 109

♣ KJ105

West	North	East	South
			1NT

Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	2♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	3♣ <sup>(3)</sup>	3♣
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Pass	4♠	All Pass	
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(1) Hearts and a minor

(2) Transfer to spades

(3) Pass or correct

West leads the ♦A: three – four (reverse count) – nine. West switches to the ♣4: three – ace – five. East returns the ♥4. Plan the play.

The opposition here has helped you. Without it, you could be tempted to take the heart finesse. With West's double showing hearts, you can be sure the heart finesse will fail. That would be the third trick for the defence and you can be sure that the ♦K will take trick four for one down. What can you do to make the contract?

Dealer South : Both vulnerable

North

♠ KJ10874

♥ 93

♦ Q53

♣ 93

West

♠ Q

♥ K10765

♦ AKJ2

♣ 842

East

♠ 962

♥ 42

♦ 8764

♣ AQ76

South

♠ A53

♥ AQJ8

♦ 109

♣ KJ105

After ♦A lead, ♣4 to East's ♣A and the ♥4 switch, South took the ♥A and played the ♠3: queen – king – two and the ♣9: six – ten – two. South cashed the ♣K, discarding the ♥9 from dummy. Then came the ♥Q: king – ♠10 – ♥2, the ♠J and the ♠4 to the ♠A. South lost ♦A, ♣A and ♦K, but had ten tricks for +620.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
			1NT(15-17)

2♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	2♠	All Pass	
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(1) Diamonds + hearts

East led the ♥4: queen – king. West switched to the ♦K. Declarer made 9 tricks, +140, but –10 Imps.

## Problem for Tomorrow:

As dealer with only your side vulnerable, what would you do with:

♠ 10  
♥ KQ109762  
♦ KJ102  
♣ 5

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