

NEWPLICATE HAND**Dealer: South****Vul: Both**

	NORTH	
	♠ 104	
	♥ A73	
	♦ QJ963	
	♣ K82	
WEST		EAST
♠ 962		♠ QJ85
♥ KJ942		♥ Q86
♦ 75		♦ A82
♣ 1074		♣ 965
	SOUTH	
	♠ AK73	
	♥ 105	
	♦ K104	
	♣ AQJ3	

Suggested Bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Suggested Lead:

♥4 (West) – Fourth from longest and strongest

Suggested Play:

South should hold up on the ♥A until the third round of the suit. Then South should drive out the ♦A to establish sufficient tricks needed to make the contract. This prevents East from returning a heart when he wins the diamond. If the ♦A is with West, you will not make your contract (but neither will anyone else). If hearts break 4/4, it does not matter who has the ♦A. The hold up play allows declarer the best chance to make the contract. Promoting the diamond winners establishes the additional tricks declarer needs to achieve his goal.