

## Card reading from the bidding and play

A64  
Q105  
985  
A1082

K3  
AJ98643  
Q62  
7

Dealer East

E/W vulnerable

West	North	East	South
		1S	2H
2S	3H	Pass	4H
All Pass			

The 2H overcall is standard. It would be wrong to make a take out double followed by bidding hearts as this would show a suit at least as strong as that shown with 15+ points. North with good support and two aces invites to game rather than bidding game directly as the overcall strength can be wide ranging. South, with only 6 losers, bids game without hesitation.

West leads the 10D to the A and then K and a third diamond which is ruffed followed by the 10S from West. What next?

The diamond position was a bit of a surprise, with East proving to have five in that suit. They must also have precisely 5 spades (if East had 6, West could not raise to 2S with only a doubleton) If East is void in hearts there is no way to avoid a further loser but you should be able to pick up the trumps without loss when East has one or two trumps.

Since East must have at least one club (five spades, five diamonds and two hearts at most) a simple discovery play will be all revealing. Winning the spade with KS at trick 4 play AC and another. If East follows to both clubs they can have no more than one trump, so you can ruff and lay down the AH.

If East shows out on the second round of clubs you will know with certainty that they hold the guarded KH. In that case return to dummy with AS and finesse the trumps.

The full hand

A64  
Q105  
985  
A1082

1097  
K2  
103  
KJ9632

QJ852  
7  
AKJ74  
Q4

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AJ98643  
Q62  
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