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Dlr: South
Vul: Both

North (Dummy)

♠ A Q 10
♥ 6 3
♦ 8 7 5 4 2
♣ A J 10

South (Declarer)

♠ 8 7 5 4
♥ A 2
♦ A K 6 3
♣ K Q 9

You win the heart lead with the ace and without further ado you try the DA-DK but West shows out.

Now what?

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West leads the ♥ Q. What should be South's scheme?

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Dlr: South
Vul: N-S

North (Dummy)

♠ A J 5
♥ 9 7 4
♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ 5 4 2

South (Declarer)

♠ Q 9 8
♥ A K Q
♦ K Q J 10 9
♣ A Q

How do we safeguard this contract of 9 tricks?

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West leads the ♠ 4. What should declarer do?

West / None
6♠ by South

North
♠ K 2
♥ 8 7 6
♦ A 10 7
♣ A K 8 5 3

West

N
W E
S

East

South
♠ A Q J 10 9 3
♥ A K
♦ J 9 6 3
♣ 6

Lead: ♦ 5

3.

Tr 1: You duck the lead and East wins the DQ

Tr 2: East returns a spade

Over to you.

SOLUTIONS:

1. Once the diamonds do not break, *the only chance* is to grit your teeth and hook the S10 – back to hand with a club – then finesse the SQ.

The hands: <https://tinyurl.com/yf4c57z5>

2. If you duck the spade lead hoping they led away from the king, you are in for a rude shock – East wins the SK and smartly switches to the CJ. -2 !!

The right play is to win the SA on the lead and promptly play a diamond. Safeguard your 9 tricks, esp. in Teams play.

The hands: <https://tinyurl.com/yeccc9mh>

3. You have two chances to this one. First try to set up the 5th club for your 12th trick. If the clubs fail to break 4-3, then fall back on the diamond finesse.

So, without further ado, win the SA – CA – ruff a small club – SK – ruff another small club high – did they break 4-3? They do? Draw the trump – then DA – cash two clubs and claim. Well played!

The hands: <https://tinyurl.com/yj3hu8sp>