

Location, Location, Location!

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Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

	♠ J 4					
	♥ Q 5					
	♦ A K Q 4 3					
	♣ 7 5 4 2					
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	♥ A J 9 6					
	♦ 10 9 8 2					
	♣ A J					
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>			
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥			
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 NT			
All pass						

This deal challenges many declarers. The bidding above is one of many possible auctions. Other than North's 1♦ opening, all the remaining actions are unclear. However, the final contract of 3NT is a good one.

West leads the ♣10, and East plays the ♣K. It looks as if South has nine easy tricks (five diamonds, and four more in aces and kings). Declarer wins the ♣A and plays out the ♦A, ♦K, and ♦Q. At this point, many declarers are chagrined to find that the fourth round of diamonds leaves them in the wrong hand. They win the fourth round of diamonds with the ♦10 and can't get back to dummy to cash the fifth round of the suit. Down one.

Declarer should carefully lead the ♦8 on the first round of diamonds. Then he throws the ♦9 and ♦10 under dummy's other high diamonds. Now, dummy is still on lead to cash the ♦4 and ♦3 since declarer's remaining diamond is the ♦2. This is the only legitimate way to make the contract.