

MORE THAN ONE WAY

A106 DEALER – 1 Club
AQJ5 3 Hearts
Q Pass
K9852

KJ7		Q854	
2	Pass	873	Pass
K1062	Pass	J9843	Pass
Q10763		A	Pass

932
K10964 1 Heart
A75 4 Hearts
J4

West leads the 6 of clubs, dummy follows with the 2, East wins the A and returns a trump. South wins. How would you play 4 hearts?

AJ DEALER – 2 Clubs
AK5 2 NT (22-24 HCP)
KQ1095 3 Spades
AQ8 6 NT

Q52	Pass	987	Pass
J1098	Pass	7432	Pass
A42	Pass	73	Pass
652		J1094	Pass

K10643
Q6 2 Diamonds (Waiting)
J86 3 Hearts (Transfer)
K73 4 NT (Quantitative)

4 NT is quantitative asking opener to pick the final contract, knowing that South has 5 spades and about 9 points. With 3 cards in spades, North would bid 5 Spades with 22 pts, or 6 spades with 24 pts. With only 2 spades, North would pass 4 NT with 22 pts, but bid 6NT with 24 pts. North has 23 pts and should bid 6NT, counting an extra point for the 5 card diamond suit, and AJ doubleton of spades might be important opposite partner's 5 card suit. North has no problem scoring 4 diamond tricks, 2 spade tricks, 3 heart tricks and 3 club tricks. No need to finesse spades.

74 3 Clubs (Positive Response
 J8 with clubs)
 Q83 Response, shows 1
 KQ10432

Q109653		2	Pass
A1062	Pass	9753	Pass
107	Pass	J9542	
7		J86	

AKJ8
 KQ4 DEALER – 2 Clubs
 AK6 4 NT
 A95 6 NT

North's positive response of 3 clubs showed GOOD clubs, which allowed South to take Control and bid the slam, just losing a trick to Ace of Hearts.
 I would lead the 10 of diamonds, passive lead against 6NT.

AKQ105
 K105 DEALER – 1 Spade
 K1086 3 NT
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9862		73	2 Clubs
9876	Pass	A42	Pass
54	Pass	A97	
Q62		KJ754	

J4
 QJ3 2 NT
 QJ32 Pass
 A1083

North has a solid 15HCP and should raise to 3NT. The singleton club should be no worry to North because South has promised a good club stopper. West leads the 2 of clubs, but South's A1083 provides 2 stoppers and he'll only lose 2 clubs and A of hearts and diamond A.

An important point to note about this hand is that 2NT would have been a Jacoby 2NT if East had not overcalled 2 clubs. When an opponent bids over partner's opening major, Jacoby 2NT is off.
