

FOURTH SEAT WEAK-2 OPENING

West deals and passes. So does your partner and your LHO. This is your hand:

S	South
♠	
♥	AQ9842
♦	Q1095
♣	Q98

This is a 10 point hand and you wouldn't normally open it with 1♥ in 4th position, since your opponents can enter the auction and outbid you in spades. But this is a place for a special bid of 2♥. Normally, a weak-2 is a sacrifice bid. You don't expect to make it, but your penalty could be less than the opponents score if they play in their suit. But it would be silly to take a negative score when you could pass this hand out and get a zero for the board. Therefore, a 2-level opening in 4th seat says you have a minimum hand with 6 hearts and you expect to make the contract. However, you don't want to go any higher.

Since the three others at the table have all passed, it is very probable that the points are evenly distributed. Your side probably have about 20 points and you should be able to make 2♥.

Your 2♥ is passed out and West leads the ♣J. Plan the play.

N	North
♠	KQ1043
♥	63
♦	J4
♣	A752

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With the club lead you can see 2 club tricks. The ♣K will probably be played by East and the ♣A will provide an entry to the dummy. You can promote two diamond tricks by forcing out the ♦AK. That's 4 tricks. You only need 4 more which can come from hearts as long as they don't split worse than 4-1.

Win East's probable return of his partner's club with the ♣A. While in the dummy, don't bother with the spades. Use that entry to take the heart finesse. East will play a low heart and you'll insert the ♥Q; then the ♥A, capturing East's ♥K.

Now you should make an overtrick. You have 5 hearts, 2 diamonds and 2 clubs.

This is the entire deal:

12	N North	W	N	E	S
	♠ KQ1043	P	P	P	2♥
	♥ 63	P	P	P	
	♦ J4				
	♣ A752				
W West	E East				
♠ AJ76	♠ 9852				
♥ J105	♥ K7				
♦ K76	♦ A832				
♣ J104	♣ K63				
	S South				
	♠				
	♥ AQ9842				
	♦ Q1095				
	♣ Q98				
		2♥ S	NS: 0 EW: 0		

You can see how this hand should be played by clicking on this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/yatdppwr>, or copy and paste it into your browser. Click on the "Next" button on the bottom to advance through each trick. Alternatively, by clicking on "Play" you can play all four hands and see if you can make the hand on your own.