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Klinger on Play of the Hand – Session 2

Board 1, 9, 17 & 25

S – 8654
 H – AK106
 D – J4
 C – Q75

S – 2
 H – 82
 D – KQ109876
 C – K32

S – 73
 H – QJ973
 D – 52
 C – A1096

S – AKQJ109
 H – 54
 D – A3
 C – J84

West	North	East	South
3D	3S	Pass	1S
Pass	Pass	Pass	4S

The Bidding:

- **1S** 15 HCP + 2 for the spade length, an extra values opening bid.
- **3D** Weak jump overcall, 7+ diamonds with little strength outside the suit.
- **3S** Since there is only one way to raise spades below game, this is 9-11 or so.
- **4S** Enough for game but not slam.

The Lead: D-K

Defensive Strategy: *E can see 17 HCP between his hand and dummy. Partner should have 7 diamonds for his weak jump overcall to 3D. S should have extra values or distribution to jump to game. E knows S has D-A, probably Ax doubleton. He should play D-5 on the lead to give count. With D-J in dummy and declarer winning D-A the attitude will be known.*

Declarer's Plan:

Analyze the lead & think about distribution: The lead is from KQxxxxx

Count Losers: Losers are 3 clubs and 1 diamond

Defense & Declarer strategy: There are no winners to provide discards and no useful ruffs in the short hand. The best way to avoid three club losers is to have the opponents lead them. If we could eliminate hearts from both hands and put W on lead with a diamond, he will have to play clubs or give us a ruff-sluff to discard a club loser. However, there are no entries to dummy outside of hearts so we will not be able to trump the fourth round of hearts in hand. We will have to settle for a partial elimination, hoping W has at most three hearts and so can't lead one when he wins D-Q. On the bidding, that is a good chance.

After winning the lead, pull all the trump which takes two rounds. Then play three rounds of hearts, ruffing the third round in hand. When W shows out of hearts, we know the contract is secure. Play a diamond, which W must win with the D-Q. If he leads another diamond, trump in one hand and discard a club loser from the other. If he leads a club, play low and now you are guaranteed a club trick.