

Hand-of-the-Month

June 2005

North
♠ AT8
♥ A7
♦ KQT6
♣ A765

West
♠ KQ97
♥ QJ3
♦ 54
♣ JT93

East
♠ J6532
♥ 82
♦ 73
♣ KQ84

South
♠ 4
♥ KT9654
♦ AJ982
♣ 2

Dealer: East

EW vulnerable

| West | North | East | South |
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| | | P | 2♥ |
| P | 2NT | P | 4♦ |
| P | 4NT | P | 5♥* |
| P | 7♦ | All pass | |

* Keycard Blackwood response assuming hearts is trump. It is for hearts because 2N guarantees heart support.

Opening lead: ♠K

South opened what some would consider a fearless weak two-bid. We don't consider it fearless at all and we have more to say about it in the Tip-of-the Month. When North bid 2NT, he was inquiring about the nature of South's weak two, even though he already knew he would bid game. Ostensibly, 2NT asks for a feature, and at the same time showed his partner that he had at least game invitational values in hearts.

South's jump to 4♦ was natural, showing a 5-card suit. North bid Keycard for hearts and then the grand slam was bid in **diamonds**. Pretty neat stuff!