

# Tip-of-the-Month

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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
		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

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Most players like to have a “good” suit when they open a weak two-bid. Although we don’t disagree with this, we do not think that a good suit is the most important aspect of weak twos, in general. The more trick taking potential (translation: good distribution) the better we like it. Our thoughts are more in line with South’s: what is lost in the quality of the suit is more than made up for in playing strength. Naturally, a bad suit and a balanced hand would be anathema to us.