

Therefore, he opens One Diamond planning to rebid Two Clubs over partner's anticipated One Spade response. Opening One Club and rebidding Two Clubs is not a viable option because a two-suited hand should not be represented as one-suited.

Therefore, North opens One Diamond and South responds One Heart. Now if North rebids Two Clubs, South will pick Diamonds, the first bid and supposedly longer suit. He cannot rebid Hearts because a weak hand really has one bid, and when partner gives a choice, he must take it.

However, North can bid Two Hearts when his other choice has a flaw because Diamonds are not longer than Clubs. South can happily invite, and North accepts game.

Opening Lead: Spade King

The Play:

North wins the Spade Ace and ruffs a Spade. He plays a small Club to the Jack, and the opponents win the Ace and lead trump. If declarer does not draw trump at his first opportunity, the defenders must. Declarer wins, and ruffs another Spade. He tries pitching two Diamonds on the top Clubs but East ruffs the second one. Declarer overruffs and draws trump.

The Result:

Declarer loses two Diamonds and one Club for +420.