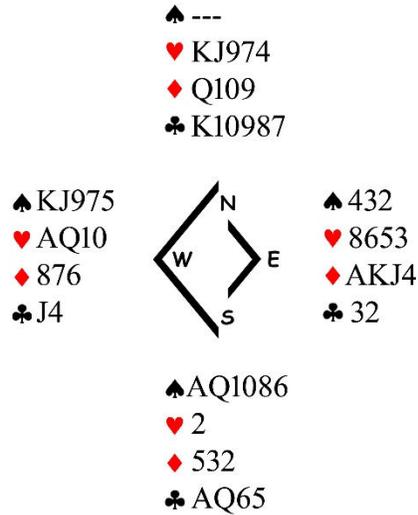


# 339. Got Their Suit

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P	1 ♠	P!	1NT
P	2 ♣	All Pass	

--North South Vulnerable--

## The bidding:

IF West is in first seat, he clearly has an easy One Spade opening. That is no question. However, as soon as South opens One Spade, the situation is completely different. This is a diseased hand, and East and West will get in trouble trying to declare any contract.

Some players are never silent when an opponent opens and they have an opening hand, but this is wrong. West must be silent and be happy he is not doubled in Two Hearts or Two Diamonds.

South opens One Spade and North replies One No Trump with six to nine HCP's and no Spade support. I encourage one to subtract three points for a void in partner's long suit at one's second opportunity to bid.

A One No Trump response does not show a No Trump distribution, it just denies the ability to bid a new suit at the two-level showing ten plus HCP's (Standard American).

When two-suited, South must never pass One No Trump. He bids Two Clubs, and the auction ends.

**Opening Lead:** The Club Four. A trump lead is a must, because West has Spade values that will likely be ruffed.

**The Play:**

Declarer wins the trump lead in his hand, cashes the Spade Ace pitching a Diamond and plays a Heart. West wins the Ace, sees the Heart suit setting up and leads a Diamond. Declarer loses two Diamonds and draws trump. He then cashes the Heart King and ruffs the Hearts good. The Spade losers, that do not get sluffed on the good Hearts, get ruffed.

**The Result:**

Declarer will lose a Heart and two Diamonds for +130. An abnormal lead of a Diamond keeps declarer to +110.