



Dealer: E		♠	KQ8	Vul: E-W	
		♥	AKJT		
		♦	AQ6		
		♣	K82		
♠	A94	↑ ₂₂ ← ₁₂ 3→ ↓ ₃		♠	T7632
♥	85			♥	73
♦	J32			♦	KT
♣	AQJ65			♣	T943
		♠	J5		
		♥	Q9642		
		♦	98754		
		♣	7		

PLAY THIS HAND WITH JERRY	Bidding	P -- P --- 1♣
	Sequence →	X --- P --- 1♥ - P 4♥ -- P -- P --- P

My partner raised my 1♥ response to 4 looking at a hand that not only holds a lot of high card points but also 100 honors in support. He knows that my hand could be so weak that I wouldn't accept some invitations, and he also knows his other cards are behind the opener, so he put me in game.

The defense was very good to me, cashing their A♠ and A♣ before leading the Q♣ which I won with the king throwing a ♦. I then played the A♥ and K♥ followed by the K♠ and Q♠, discarding another ♦, and trumped the small ♣ in my hand. At this point both black suits have been eliminated, and I must hold my ♦ losers to 1. I could take an immediate finesse, but I am holding the 9♦, 8♦, and 7♦ which guarantee the contract if I play the 9♦ and cover whatever card West plays -- or let it go to East who is automatically endplayed.

It's important to watch out for these positions, because if I had led a ♦ to the Queen, East would have won with the K and exited with the 10 and I would have gone down. Making 4 was 78% because a lot of pairs did not get to game.

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