

♠♥♦♣ **LOSER ON LOSER** ♠♥♦♣

Your partner opens 1NT. This is your hand:

S	South
♠	AQJ10764
♥	Q83
♦	962
♣	

You have that rare thing – a seven card suit. You know you want to play in spades and even though you have only 9 HCP, your length and your void make it worth much more. You and your partner play Texas Transfers. Your response of 4♥ is a transfer to 4♠ with no desire to play any higher.

East leads the ♦8. Take over for North to plan this game contract of 4♠.

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N	North
♠	K5
♥	K95
♦	A103
♣	KQ743

You want to count losers in the hand with the long trump. This is called, reversing the dummy. You have no spade losers, but you do have two heart and 2 diamond losers. It also helps to count winners. You have 7 spades and 1 diamond winner. You can develop 1 heart and 1 club. That's 10 tricks. The trick will be to take your 10 winners before the opponents can take their 4 winners.

