

6NT

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| 14 | ♠ A 8 7 5 | ♥ A K 6 2 | ♦ 7 5 | ♣ K 9 2 |
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| | W | | E | |
| | | S | | |
| 18 | ♠ Q 6 | ♥ 8 7 3 | ♦ A K Q J 4 | ♣ A Q 4 |

West leads 6♦ against 6NT.

We can make 12 tricks if hearts are 3-3 (36%) or if K♠ is with E (50%), but we can only take one of those chances. However, if hearts are 3-3 or if the defender holding K♠ has more hearts than the other, we can also win, and this time we can try both. Play the small heart on the second trick and then cash all your top tricks until you hold:

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| ♠ – | ♥ K 2 | ♦ – | ♣ 2 |
| | N | | |
| xxx | W | E | xxx |
| | S | | |
| ♠ Q | ♥ 8 | ♦ – | ♣ A |

We hope that one of the defenders holds:

♠ K ♥ x x ♦ – ♣ –

Now play the last club. Hopefully, one of the defenders will have to discard his K♠ or his heart guard. Of course, if anyone discards a ♥ earlier, you don't have to hope for a squeeze.

What are the chances for making the contract now? 36% that hearts are 3-3 and half of the remaining 64% for the squeeze, so together we have 68% – significantly more than the initial 50%.

The complete hand:

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| 14 | ♠ A 8 7 5 | ♥ A K 6 2 | ♦ 7 5 | ♣ K 9 2 |
| | | N | | |
| 4 | ♠ K T 2 | ♥ J 9 5 4 | ♦ 9 6 | ♣ 8 7 6 5 |
| | | W | E | |
| | | S | | |
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