

Deal 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ 10 4
♣ K 10 8 6

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4 1
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♠ A J 2
♥ K Q 4
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ Q 7 2

♠ 9 7 6
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ J 9 6 3
♣ 9 5

West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 6 NT
6 NT by North
Lead: ♥ 10

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♥T, won by dummy's ♥A. At trick 2 North calls for dummy's ♣3. Which card do you play?

When you have made your choice

You would not have been expecting North to play a small ♣ from dummy's holding. The only way it makes sense is if North holds the ♣Q.

If you play your ♣K you will win the trick, but in so doing you will set up 3 ♣ tricks for North, which is all he needs to make the slam.

Play low instead and North will win his ♣Q. But now your ♣K sits behind dummy's ♣J 4 so he can get only one more trick in the suit, the ♣A.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 10 9 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K J 10

♠ 8 4 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ Q 9 7 5



♠ A Q 5

♥ A Q 8 6 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 2

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♠ J 10 9 6

♥ —

♦ 10 8 6 4 3

♣ A 8 4 3

West

North

East

South

3 ♥

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

5 ♣

Pass

4 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

6 ♥ by East

Lead: ♠ J

You are South. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♠ J, the ♠ K is played from dummy and holds the trick. Next come dummy's ♥ K, then another trump to East's ♥ A.

At trick 4 East plays the ♣ 2 from his hand and you must decide what to play.

When you have made your choice

East has 2 small ♣s and faces a choice of dummy plays in the suit. He must decide whether to play you for the ♣ A or the ♣ Q. If you play your ♣ A you make the decision very easy for him.

When you correctly play your small ♣ life becomes harder for East. Sometimes he will guess correctly and play dummy's ♣ K, but other times he will play dummy's ♣ J, hoping you have the ♣ Q.

Deal 3

South Deals	♠ 5 4
None Vul	♥ J 6 2
	♦ J 8 5 2
	♣ A K Q 2
♠ 10 8 7 6 2	♠ A 9 3
♥ 10 5 4	♥ Q 9 8
♦ K 6	♦ A 7 3
♣ J 9 6	♣ 10 8 5 4



11	♠ K Q J
4 10	♥ A K 7 3
15	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ 7 3

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass

3 NT by South
Lead: ♠ 6

You are East. The bidding has been as shown.

Partner led the ♠ 6. You won the ♠ A and returned the ♠ 9, won by South's ♠ Q.

South next played to dummy's ♣ A and led the ♦ 2. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

Count the points. South's 15-17 plus North's 11 plus your T comes to 36-38. So West has room for an Ace or a King, but no more.

West's second ♠ play was the 2, so it looks like he started with 5 ♠s. And the fall of South's ♠s looks like he may have 1 ♠ left, very likely the ♠ K.

All this means that you should take your ♦ A now and return your last ♠ to establish West's suit. Now West's ♦ K will be an entry to the ♠s

If you play low, West will have to take the ♦ K now, and although he can play a ♠ to establish the suit, he will not have an entry to be able to cash them.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♦ 10 6 4 3

♣ Q J 10 7 5

♠ A J 10 7 3

♥ 9 8 6 4

♦ K 7

♣ A K

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4♠ 9 4
♥ A 2
♦ K Q 8 6
♣ K 7 5 3♦ A Q 5
♣ 8 4♠ 5 2
♥ Q J 10
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 9 6 3 2

West

North

East

South

1 ♠

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

6 ♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by West

Lead: ♣ Q

must have had 5 ♠s and 4 ♥s.

Suppose you play low on this ♥ (as West hopes you will). Dummy's ♥ K will take the trick, and when another ♥ is played you will have to win it with your now bare ♥ A. You will then have to play a ♦ or a ♣, giving West a ruff and sluff.

But if you take your ♥ A now, then exit with your ♥ 2, West can win the ♥ K but will still have to lose a ♥ to South.

You are North. The bidding has been as shown.

You lead the ♣ Q, South plays low and West wins the ♣ A.

West pulls trumps in 2 rounds. He then takes the ♦ K, ♦ Q, ♦ A, discarding a ♥ on the last one. Next he plays dummy's last ♣ to his ♣ K.

Having done all this, West now plays a low ♥ from his hand. What do you play?

When you have made your choice

If you followed what West was doing you will realize that he has eliminated both the ♦s and ♣s from both his hand and dummy. If it isn't clear that he is now out of ♣s, just remember the bidding - he

Deal 5

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 4 3
♥ Q 10 4
♦ 8 7 3
♣ J 8 7 4

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3 6
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 NT	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by North
Lead: ♠ K

♠ A 6
♥ A K 9 6 5
♦ J 10 5
♣ Q 10 2

N ♠ K Q J 9 5
W ♥ —
E ♦ 9 6 4 2
S ♣ 9 6 5 3

♠ 10 7 2
♥ J 8 7 3 2
♦ A K Q
♣ A K

You are West. The bidding has been as shown.

East led the ♠ K, won by North's ♠ A. North played a small ♣ to dummy's ♣ A, then led dummy's ♥ J.

What do you play? ♥ Q or ♥ 4?

When you have made your choice

Remember that North opened 1 ♥, so he has 5 of them. With only 3 trumps out he has no intention of finessing. Perhaps he led the ♥ J just to tempt you to cover in this situation.

If you play low he will win with one of his high ♥'s and then you will have a sure ♥ winner. Along with the ♠ winner East has you will defeat the slam.

If you cover the ♥ J with your ♥ Q North will again win with one of his high ones. But now the position will be clear to North and he will return to dummy and play another ♥, finessing your ♥ T. With no trump loser he will make the slam.

Deal 6

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 6
♥ 10 5 4
♦ A K 3
♣ A Q 7 4

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West North East South
4 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
4 ♥ by East
Lead: ♥ 2

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ A 3

♦ J 10 9 2

♣ K J 9

W	N
E	S

♠ 8 3
♥ K Q J 9 8 6
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 6 2

♠ A 9 5 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 8 6 4
♣ 10 8 5 3

You are South. The bidding has been as shown.

You decide a trump lead is called for and lead the ♥ 2. Your partner wins with the ♥ A and plays the ♦ J. East lets this go to dummy's ♦ K, (but you know he has ♦ Q), then plays a trump back to his ♥ K, pulling the 2 outstanding trumps from South and North.

East's next play is the ♠ 3 from his hand. Do you play your ♠ A or not?

When you have made your choice

Even if East doesn't have the ♠ K he can establish a ♠ winner just by leading twice toward the ♠ Q J. That winner will take care of whatever black-suit loser he may have.

If North has a ♣ trick it is important to get it established soon. So go up with the ♠ A and play a ♣ through dummy's ♣ A Q. When East tries the ♠ suit again NORTH can win and cash his ♣ K for the setting trick.

If you play low on East's ♠ play North will be forced to win the trick and he cannot profitably attack the ♣ suit from his side.

Deal 7

South Deals ♠ A J 2
Both Vul ♥ K Q 4
 ♦ K Q 7 5
 ♣ Q 7 2

♠ 10 8 4 3 ♠ 9 7 6
♥ J 5 2 ♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ 10 4 ♦ J 9 6 3
♣ K 10 8 6 ♣ 9 5

N
W E
S

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4 1
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♠ K Q 5
♥ A 6 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ A J 4 3

Deal 8 ♠ 8 4 3

West Deals ♥ 7 4

None Vul ♦ Q J 9 5

♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 10 9 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K J 10



♠ A Q 5

♥ A Q 8 6 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 2

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ —

♦ 10 8 6 4 3

♣ A 8 4 3

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11 19
5

Deal 9

North Deals ♠ 5 4
E-W Vul ♥ J 6 2
 ♦ J 8 5 2
 ♣ A K Q 2

♠ 10 8 7 6 2
♥ 10 5 4
♦ K 6
♣ J 9 6



♠ A 9 3
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A 7 3
♣ 10 8 5 4

11
4 10
15

♠ K Q J
♥ A K 7 3
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ 7 3

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♦ 10 6 4 3

♣ Q J 10 7 5

♠ A J 10 7 3

♥ 9 8 6 4

♦ K 7

♣ A K



♠ K Q 8 6

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A Q 5

♣ 8 4

7
15 14
4♠ 5 2
♥ Q J 10
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 9 6 3 2

Deal 11

	♠ A 6
South Deals	♥ A K 9 6 5
None Vul	♦ J 10 5
	♣ Q 10 2
♠ 8 4 3	♠ K Q J 9 5
♥ Q 10 4	♥ —
♦ 8 7 3	♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ J 8 7 4	♣ 9 6 5 3
	♠ 10 7 2
14 3 6 17	♥ J 8 7 3 2
	♦ A K Q
	♣ A K

N
W E
S

Deal 12

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ A 3

♦ J 10 9 2

♣ K J 9

♠ Q J 6

♥ 10 5 4

♦ A K 3

♣ A Q 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q J 9 8 6

♦ Q 7 5

♣ 6 2

♠ A 9 5 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 10 8 5 3

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16 **8**
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Deal 13 ♠ A J 2
North Deals ♥ K Q 4
Both Vul ♦ K Q 7 5
 ♣ Q 7 2

♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ 10 4
♣ K 10 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7 6
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ J 9 6 3
♣ 9 5

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4 1
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♠ K Q 5
♥ A 6 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ A J 4 3

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 10 9 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K J 10



♠ A Q 5

♥ A Q 8 6 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 2

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ —

♦ 10 8 6 4 3

♣ A 8 4 3

5
11 19
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Deal 15

South Deals	♠ 5 4
N-S Vul	♥ J 6 2
	♦ J 8 5 2
	♣ A K Q 2
♠ 10 8 7 6 2	♠ A 9 3
♥ 10 5 4	♥ Q 9 8
♦ K 6	♦ A 7 3
♣ J 9 6	♣ 10 8 5 4
	♠ K Q J
4 11 15 10	♥ A K 7 3
	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ 7 3



Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ 9 4

♥ A 2

♦ 10 6 4 3

♣ Q J 10 7 5

♠ A J 10 7 3

♥ 9 8 6 4

♦ K 7

♣ A K



♠ K Q 8 6

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A Q 5

♣ 8 4

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15 14
4♠ 5 2
♥ Q J 10
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 9 6 3 2

Deal 17

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 6
♥ A K 9 6 5
♦ J 10 5
♣ Q 10 2

♠ 8 4 3
♥ Q 10 4
♦ 8 7 3
♣ J 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 9 5
♥ —
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ 9 6 5 3

♠ 10 7 2
♥ J 8 7 3 2
♦ A K Q
♣ A K

14
3 6
17

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ A 3
♦ J 10 9 2
♣ K J 9

♠ Q J 6 ♠ 8 3
♥ 10 5 4 ♥ K Q J 9 8 6
♦ A K 3 ♦ Q 7 5
♣ A Q 7 4 ♣ 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ A 9 5 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 8 6 4
♣ 10 8 5 3

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Deal 19 ♠ A J 2
South Deals ♥ K Q 4
E-W Vul ♦ K Q 7 5
 ♣ Q 7 2

♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ 10 4
♣ K 10 8 6

17
4 1
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N
W E
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♠ 9 7 6
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ J 9 6 3
♣ 9 5

♠ K Q 5
♥ A 6 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ A J 4 3

Deal 20 ♠ 8 4 3
West Deals ♥ 7 4
Both Vul ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ K 7 2 ♠ A Q 5
♥ K J 10 9 3 N ♥ A Q 8 6 5 2
♦ 7 2 ♦ A K
♣ K J 10 ♣ 6 2

W E

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♠ J 10 9 6
♥ —
♦ 10 8 6 4 3
♣ A 8 4 3

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11 19
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Deal 21

North Deals ♠ 5 4
N-S Vul ♥ J 6 2
 ♦ J 8 5 2
 ♣ A K Q 2

♠ 10 8 7 6 2
♥ 10 5 4
♦ K 6
♣ J 9 6



♠ A 9 3
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A 7 3
♣ 10 8 5 4

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4 10
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♠ K Q J
♥ A K 7 3
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ 7 3

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J 10 7 3

♥ 9 8 6 4

♦ K 7

♣ A K

♠ 9 4

♥ A 2

♦ 10 6 4 3

♣ Q J 10 7 5



♠ K Q 8 6

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A Q 5

♣ 8 4

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15 14
4♠ 5 2
♥ Q J 10
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 9 6 3 2

Deal 23

South Deals	♠ A 6
Both Vul	♥ A K 9 6 5
	♦ J 10 5
	♣ Q 10 2
♠ 8 4 3	♠ K Q J 9 5
♥ Q 10 4	♥ —
♦ 8 7 3	♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ J 8 7 4	♣ 9 6 5 3
14 3 6 17	♠ 10 7 2 ♥ J 8 7 3 2 ♦ A K Q ♣ A K

N
W E
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Deal 24

West Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ A 3

♦ J 10 9 2

♣ K J 9

♠ Q J 6

♥ 10 5 4

♦ A K 3

♣ A Q 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q J 9 8 6

♦ Q 7 5

♣ 6 2

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16 8
4♠ A 9 5 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 8 6 4
♣ 10 8 5 3

Deal 25 ♠ A J 2
North Deals ♥ K Q 4
E-W Vul ♦ K Q 7 5
 ♣ Q 7 2

♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ 10 4
♣ K 10 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7 6
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ J 9 6 3
♣ 9 5

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♠ K Q 5
♥ A 6 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ A J 4 3

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ 8 4 3

♥ 7 4

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 10 9 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K J 10



♠ A Q 5

♥ A Q 8 6 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 2

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ —

♦ 10 8 6 4 3

♣ A 8 4 3

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11 19
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Deal 27

South Deals	♠ 5 4
None Vul	♥ J 6 2
	♦ J 8 5 2
	♣ A K Q 2
♠ 10 8 7 6 2	♠ A 9 3
♥ 10 5 4	♥ Q 9 8
♦ K 6	♦ A 7 3
♣ J 9 6	♣ 10 8 5 4
	♠ K Q J
4 11 15 10	♥ A K 7 3
	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ 7 3



Deal 28

West Deals

N-S Vul

♦ 10 6 4 3

♣ Q J 10 7 5

♠ A J 10 7 3

♥ 9 8 6 4

♦ K 7

♣ A K



♠ K Q 8 6

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A Q 5

♣ 8 4

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15 14
4♠ 5 2
♥ Q J 10
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 9 6 3 2

Deal 29

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ A 6

♥ A K 9 6 5

♦ J 10 5

♣ Q 10 2

♠ 8 4 3

♥ Q 10 4

♦ 8 7 3

♣ J 8 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 9 5

♥ —

♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 9 6 5 3

♠ 10 7 2

14
3 6
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♥ J 8 7 3 2

♦ A K Q

♣ A K

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ A 3

♦ J 10 9 2

♣ K J 9

♠ Q J 6

♥ 10 5 4

♦ A K 3

♣ A Q 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q J 9 8 6

♦ Q 7 5

♣ 6 2

♠ A 9 5 2

♥ 7 2

♦ 8 6 4

♣ 10 8 5 3

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Deal 31 ♠ A J 2
South Deals ♥ K Q 4
N-S Vul ♦ K Q 7 5
 ♣ Q 7 2

♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ 10 4
♣ K 10 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ 9 7 6
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ J 9 6 3
♣ 9 5

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4 1
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♠ K Q 5
♥ A 6 3
♦ A 8 2
♣ A J 4 3

Deal 32

West Deals

E-W Vul

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ K 7 2

♥ K J 10 9 3

♦ 7 2

♣ K J 10

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W		E
	S	

♠ A Q 5

♥ A Q 8 6 5 2

♦ A K

♣ 6 2

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ —

♦ 10 8 6 4 3

♣ A 8 4 3

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Deal 33

North Deals	♠ 5 4
None Vul	♥ J 6 2
	♦ J 8 5 2
	♣ A K Q 2
♠ 10 8 7 6 2	♠ A 9 3
♥ 10 5 4	♥ Q 9 8
♦ K 6	♦ A 7 3
♣ J 9 6	♣ 10 8 5 4
	♠ K Q J
4 11 15 10	♥ A K 7 3
	♦ Q 10 9 4
	♣ 7 3



Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9 4

♥ A 2

♦ 10 6 4 3

♣ Q J 10 7 5

♠ A J 10 7 3

♥ 9 8 6 4

♦ K 7

♣ A K



♠ K Q 8 6

♥ K 7 5 3

♦ A Q 5

♣ 8 4

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15 14
4♠ 5 2
♥ Q J 10
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 9 6 3 2

Deal 35

South Deals	♠ A 6
E-W Vul	♥ A K 9 6 5
	♦ J 10 5
	♣ Q 10 2
♠ 8 4 3	♠ K Q J 9 5
♥ Q 10 4	♥ —
♦ 8 7 3	♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ J 8 7 4	♣ 9 6 5 3
14 3 6 17	♠ 10 7 2 ♥ J 8 7 3 2 ♦ A K Q ♣ A K

N
W E
S

Deal 36

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K 10 7 4

♥ A 3

♦ J 10 9 2

♣ K J 9

♠ Q J 6

♥ 10 5 4

♦ A K 3

♣ A Q 7 4

N
W E
S

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q J 9 8 6

♦ Q 7 5

♣ 6 2

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16 8
4♠ A 9 5 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 8 6 4
♣ 10 8 5 3