

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8

♥ Q J 9 8 5 4 2

♦ T 9 4

♣ 5 2

♠ A Q 5 2

♥ 6

♦ A K J 6

♣ K T 8 7



♠ K J T 9 7 6

♥ K T 3

♦ Q 8 2

♣ 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

6♣ by North

plays the ♠K you will ruff, and dummy's ♠Q will be promoted. If he plays a small ♠ you will let it ride to dummy's ♠Q.

I hope you enjoyed them.

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South plays 6♣. West leads the ♠8.

You have one ♠ loser and one ♦ loser. A successful finesse will take care of either one of them. Chance of the ♠ finesse working? Zero. Chance of the ♦ finesse working? Maybe 50%. Chance of an elimination play? Priceless.

Win the ♠A and pull trumps with the ♣A and ♣Q. They split 2-1.

Play the ♦A, just in case there is a singleton ♦Q somewhere. There isn't. Then eliminate ♥s by playing ♥A and ruff a ♥.

Now play a low ♠ from both hands. West doesn't follow suit as East wins with a small card.

East is end-played. He has no ♣s. If he plays a ♦ it will be into dummy's ♦ K J. If he plays a ♥ you will discard a ♦ from your hand and ruff in dummy. If he plays the ♠K you will ruff, and dummy's ♠Q will be promoted. If he plays a small ♠ you will let it ride to dummy's ♠Q.