

Deal 1

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| North Deals | ♠ A K 8 7 5 |
| None Vul | ♥ A 4 |
| | ♦ A 6 3 |
| | ♣ AJ 7 |

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| ♠ Q J 9 | ♠ — |
| ♥ Q 10 7 6 | ♥ J 9 8 3 |
| ♦ 10 5 2 | ♦ Q J 9 7 4 |
| ♣ 9 6 4 | ♣ Q 8 5 3 |

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| 20 | ♠ 10 6 4 3 2 |
| 5 6 | ♥ K 5 2 |
| 9 | ♦ K 8 |
| | ♣ K 10 2 |

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| West | North | East | South |
| | 1 ♠ | Pass | 3 ♠ |
| Pass | 6 ♠ | Pass | Pass |

6 ♠ by North

Lead: ♦ Q

South decides a limit raise is better than just jumping to game. North has heard enough and bids the slam.

North is to play 6 ♠. East leads the ♦ Q.

So you win the ♦ K and play a ♠ to your ♠ K. When East discards a ♦ your second thought is probably that you MUST guess the ♣ Q just to make twelve tricks.

Hopefully your third thought is that if you use an elimination play you won't have to guess.

Play your ♠ A, leaving West with the master ♠ Q. Then eliminate ♦ s by playing ♦ A and ruffing a ♦ in dummy.

Now eliminate ♥ s by playing ♥ A, ♥ K, and ruffing a ♥.

You are ready for the throw-in. Play a ♠ to West's ♠ Q.

West has just taken the defender's first trick. First and only. Because if he now plays a red card you will ruff in one hand and discard a losing ♣ from the other. And if he plays a ♣ you will no longer have a ♣ loser.

Here it took two ruffs, one in each hand.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 3
♥ K Q 10 8 2
♦ K 9 5
♣ K 10 2

♠ A 7 6
♥ 9 7 3
♦ 10 6 4 3
♣ Q 8 7



♠ J 10 5
♥ A J 6 4
♦ A J 7
♣ A J 4

♠ K Q 9 4 2
♥ 5
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 9 6 5 3

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | 1 NT | Pass |
| 2 ♦ | Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | 4 ♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

4 ♥ by East
Lead: ♠ K

West first transfers you to ♥s, then gives you a choice of which game to play. Knowing you have an 9-card trump fit, you choose 4 ♥.

East is to play 4 ♥. The defenders start with ♠ K, ♠ Q, ♠ A.

Ruff the ♠ A with dummy's ♥T and pull trumps (three rounds).

Eliminate ♦s by playing ♦ K, ♦ A, ♦ J. If you are REALLY lucky the ♦ Q will fall doubleton, but more than likely a defender will win the third ♦. He won't be happy about it, though.

Whichever defender wins the ♦ Q is end-played. If he plays a ♦ or a ♠ you will ruff in one hand and discard a ♣ loser from the other. But if he leads a ♣ instead you no longer have a ♣ loser.

However, it also guarantees that you will not make an overtrick.

If you try the two finesses instead you MIGHT make an overtrick, but you also might go down 1.

Decide for yourself!

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

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

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| 26 | 6 | 6 |
| 2 | | |

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| N | | ♠ K 9 7 4 |
| W | E | ♦ 10 9 5 4 |
| S | | ♦ 8 2 |
| | | ♣ K 10 2 |
| | | ♠ 8 6 2 |
| | | ♦ J 3 |
| | | ♦ J 10 6 5 |
| | | ♣ 7 6 4 3 |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| | 2 ♣ | Pass | 2 ♦ |
| Pass | 3 ♦ | Pass | 4 ♦ |
| Pass | 6 ♦ | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

6 ♦ by South
Lead: ♣ Q

ruff-sluff.

If West puts on either the ♣ T or ♣ J you play dummy's ♣ Q. If East can win with the ♣ K he will once again be end-played, forced to either play a ♣ back to dummy's ♣ A 9, or give you a ruff-sluff.

As you see, A Q 9 actually works just as well.

You naturally respond 2 ♦ to North's strong 2 ♣ opener. Before you know it you are playing a slam - with your mighty 2-point hand! You plays 6 ♦. West leads the ♣ Q.

Win the ♣ A, play the ♦ 4 to the ♦ T, and ruff a ♣ with the ♦ Q. Both opponents followed to the trump.

Play the ♦ 7 to the ♦ J and ruff the last ♣ with the ♦ K.

Having eliminated the ♦ s and ♣ s, now remove the ♥ s. Play ♥ A, ♥ K, and ruff a ♥.

At last it is time to play ♣ s. Lead a ♣ from your hand and play dummy's ♣ 9 if West plays low. East will win the trick but will be end-played, forced to either play a ♣ back to dummy's ♣ A 9, or give you a

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| Deal 4 | ♠ A 8 6 3 | | |
| East Deals | ♥ 7 | | |
| None Vul | ♦ Q J 10 6 | | |
| | ♣ J 10 7 2 | | |
| ♠ K 10 2 | ♠ Q 9 4 | | |
| ♥ K Q 9 8 2 | ♥ A J 6 3 | | |
| ♦ 8 5 4 | ♦ A 7 2 | | |
| ♣ A 3 | ♣ K 6 4 | | |
| | ♠ J 7 5 | | |
| 8 | ♥ 10 5 4 | | |
| 12 14 | ♦ K 9 3 | | |
| 6 | ♣ Q 9 8 5 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| | | 1 ♣ | Pass |
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass |
| 4 ♥ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 4 ♥ by West | | | |
| Lead: ♦ Q | | | |

West is to play 4 ♥. North leads the ♦ Q.

There is no reason to hold up so take your ♦ A and pull trumps, South showing up with three of them.

Now eliminate ♣s by playing ♣ A, ♣ K, and ruffing a ♣.

The stage is now set for the throw-in. Be SURE to lead a ♦ for the throw-in, not a ♪.

The defense will win the ♦ and can then take another ♦ trick if they like. But then they will have to play a ♪ (or give you a ruff-sluff). And as long as they start the ♪s you are assured that you will lose only one ♪ trick, the ♪ A.

If he leads the ♪ A it sets up both the ♪ K and ♪ Q so you only have one ♪ loser. If he leads low you also play low from dummy and South must play the ♪ J to prevent you getting a trick with the ♪ T. Again you only lose one ♪.

If South makes the first play by leading a low ♪ you play low from your hand. North must go up with the ♪ A to stop you from getting a trick with dummy's ♪ 9. Then your ♪ K and ♪ Q will win two tricks.

Deal 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 6 4 3**♥ 9 7 6 2****♦ 9 2****♣ 8 6****18
2 11
9**

♠ A J
♥ A
♦ A 10 8 7 4 3
♣ A J 9 3

♠ 10 8 5
♥ K Q J 10 8 4
♦ —
♣ K Q 4 2

♠ K 7 2**♥ 5 3****♦ K Q J 6 5****♣ 10 7 5**

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pass | 1 ♦ | 1 ♥ | 2 ♥ |
| Dbl | 6 ♦ | Pass | Pass |

Pass

6 ♦ by North

Lead: ♥ K

dummy, so enter dummy with a trump.

Play the ♣T from dummy and let it ride if West does not produce the ♣Q or ♣K. East will win with one of the honors but will have to return another ♣ or give you a ruff-sluff.

In this case though, East's overcall means all things are not equal, so your chances are lower than 75%.

But never mind the percentages for a finesse, the end-play was a sure thing.

South's 2 ♥ bid showed a hand with limit raise or better in ♦s. North doesn't bother with Blackwood since he already knows about the Aces. He just bids the slam. North plays 6 ♦. East leads the ♥ K, won by you with the ♥ A.

The bad news is that you have two losers in ♣s. The good news is that missing the ♣K Q you could try two finesses. The bad news is that East overcalled, so he probably has both honors. The best news of all is that you know how to pull off an elimination play!. Play a trump to dummy's ♦K (East discards a ♥) and ruff the ♥5.

Pull the outstanding trump with the ♦A, then play ♠A, ♠K and ruff a ♠.

You want to play the first ♣ from

Deal 6East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ Q J 9
♥ Q 10 7 6
♦ 10 5 2
♣ 9 6 4

20
5 6
9

♠ A K 8 7 5
♥ A 4
♦ A 6 3
♣ A J 7

N
W E
S

♠ —
♥ J 9 8 3
♦ Q J 9 7 4
♣ Q 8 5 3

♠ 10 6 4 3 2
♥ K 5 2
♦ K 8
♣ K 10 2

Deal 7 ♠ A 7 6
South Deals ♥ 9 7 3
Both Vul ♦ 10 6 4 3
 ♣ Q 8 7

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

6
11 16
7



♠ K Q 9 4 2
♥ 5
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 9 6 5 3

Deal 8

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| West Deals | ♠ A |
| None Vul | ♥ A K 6 |
| | ♦ A K Q 9 7 4 |
| | ♣ A Q 9 |
| ♠ Q J 10 5 3 | ♠ K 9 7 4 |
| ♥ Q 8 7 2 | ♥ 10 9 5 4 |
| ♦ 3 | ♦ 8 2 |
| ♣ J 8 5 | ♣ K 10 2 |
| 26 6 6 2 | ♠ 8 6 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ J 10 6 5 ♣ 7 6 4 3 |



Deal 9

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

N
W E
S

8
12 14
6

♠ J 7 5
♥ 10 5 4
♦ K 9 3
♣ Q 9 8 5

Deal 10

East Deals

Both Vul

♦ A 10 8 7 4 3

♣ A J 9 3

♠ Q 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 7 6 2

♦ 9 2

♣ 8 6

N
W S E♠ 10 8 5
♥ K Q J 10 8 4
♦ —
♣ K Q 4 2**18**
2 11
9♠ K 7 2
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q J 6 5
♣ 10 7 5

Deal 11

♠ A K 8 7 5

South Deals

♥ A 4

None Vul

♦ A 6 3

♣ A J 7

♠ Q J 9

♥ Q 10 7 6

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 9 6 4



♠ —

♥ J 9 8 3

♦ Q J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 5 3

♠ 10 6 4 3 2

♥ K 5 2

♦ K 8

♣ K 10 2

20**5****9**

Deal 12 ♠ A 7 6
West Deals ♥ 9 7 3
N-S Vul ♦ 10 6 4 3
 ♣ Q 8 7

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

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 4 2
♥ 5
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 9 6 5 3

6
11 16
7

Deal 13

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



26
6 6
2
♠ 8 6 2
♥ J 3
♦ J 10 6 5
♣ 7 6 4 3

Deal 14

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 8 6 3

♥ 7

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ K 10 2

♥ K Q 9 8 2

♦ 8 5 4

♣ A 3

W N E S

♠ Q 9 4

♥ A J 6 3

♦ A 7 2

♣ K 6 4

♠ J 7 5

♥ 10 5 4

♦ K 9 3

♣ Q 9 8 5

8
12 14
6

Deal 15

South Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A J

♥ A

♦ A 10 8 7 4 3

♣ A J 9 3

♠ Q 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 7 6 2

♦ 9 2

♣ 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 5

♥ K Q J 10 8 4

♦ —

♣ K Q 4 2

18
2 11
9

♠ K 7 2

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 6 5

♣ 10 7 5

Deal 16

West Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 8 7 5

♥ A 4

♦ A 6 3

♣ A J 7

♠ Q J 9

♥ Q 10 7 6

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 9 6 4



♠ —

♥ J 9 8 3

♦ Q J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 5 3

♠ 10 6 4 3 2

♥ K 5 2

♦ K 8

♣ K 10 2

Deal 17 ♠ A 7 6
North Deals ♥ 9 7 3
None Vul ♦ 10 6 4 3
 ♣ Q 8 7

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

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 4 2
♥ 5
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 9 6 5 3

6
11 16
7

Deal 18

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A

♥ A K 6

♦ A K Q 9 7 4

♣ A Q 9

♠ Q J 10 5 3

♥ Q 8 7 2

♦ 3

♣ J 8 5



♠ K 9 7 4

♥ 10 9 5 4

♦ 8 2

♣ K 10 2

♠ 8 6 2

♥ J 3

♦ J 10 6 5

♣ 7 6 4 3

26
6 6
2

Deal 19 ♠ A 8 6 3

South Deals ♥ 7

E-W Vul ♦ Q J 10 6

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ K 10 2

♥ K Q 9 8 2

♦ 8 5 4

♣ A 3

8
12 14
6

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 4

♥ A J 6 3

♦ A 7 2

♣ K 6 4

♠ J 7 5
♥ 10 5 4
♦ K 9 3
♣ Q 9 8 5

Deal 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♦ A 10 8 7 4 3

♣ A J 9 3

♠ Q 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 7 6 2

♦ 9 2

♣ 8 6

N
W S E

♠ 10 8 5
♥ K Q J 10 8 4
♦ —
♣ K Q 4 2

18
2 11
9

♠ K 7 2
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q J 6 5
♣ 10 7 5

Deal 21

♠ A K 8 7 5

North Deals ♥ A 4

N-S Vul ♦ A 6 3

♣ A J 7

♠ Q J 9

♥ Q 10 7 6

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 9 6 4

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| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ —

♥ J 9 8 3

♦ Q J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 5 3

20

5 6

9

♠ 10 6 4 3 2

♥ K 5 2

♦ K 8

♣ K 10 2

Deal 22

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 7 6

♥ 9 7 3

♦ 10 6 4 3

♣ Q 8 7

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q 10 8 2

♦ K 9 5

♣ K 10 2



♠ J 10 5

♥ A J 6 4

♦ A J 7

♣ A J 4

♠ K Q 9 4 2

♥ 5

♦ Q 8 2

♣ 9 6 5 3

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11 16
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Deal 23

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| South Deals | ♠ A |
| Both Vul | ♥ A K 6 |
| | ♦ A K Q 9 7 4 |
| | ♣ A Q 9 |
| ♠ Q J 10 5 3 | ♠ K 9 7 4 |
| ♥ Q 8 7 2 | ♥ 10 9 5 4 |
| ♦ 3 | ♦ 8 2 |
| ♣ J 8 5 | ♣ K 10 2 |
| 26 6 6 2 | ♠ 8 6 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ J 10 6 5 ♣ 7 6 4 3 |



Deal 24 ♠ A 8 6 3

West Deals ♥ 7

None Vul ♦ Q J 10 6

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ K 10 2

♥ K Q 9 8 2

♦ 8 5 4

♣ A 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 4

♥ A J 6 3

♦ A 7 2

♣ K 6 4

♠ J 7 5

♥ 10 5 4

♦ K 9 3

♣ Q 9 8 5

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12 14
6

Deal 25

North Deals

♠ A J

♥ A

E-W Vul

♦ A 10 8 7 4 3

♣ A J 9 3

♠ Q 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 7 6 2

♦ 9 2

♣ 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 5
♥ K Q J 10 8 4
♦ —
♣ K Q 4 2

18
2 11
9

♠ K 7 2
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q J 6 5
♣ 10 7 5

Deal 26

East Deals

Both Vul

♠ A K 8 7 5

♥ A 4

♦ A 6 3

♣ A J 7

♠ Q J 9

♥ Q 10 7 6

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 9 6 4

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| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ —

♥ J 9 8 3

♦ Q J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 5 3

20

5 6

9

♠ 10 6 4 3 2

♥ K 5 2

♦ K 8

♣ K 10 2

Deal 27 ♠ A 7 6
South Deals ♥ 9 7 3
None Vul ♦ 10 6 4 3
 ♣ Q 8 7

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

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 9 4 2
♥ 5
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 9 6 5 3

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11 16
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Deal 28

West Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A
♥ A K 6
♦ A K Q 9 7 4
♣ A Q 9

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

N
W E
S

♠ 8 6 2
♥ J 3
♦ J 10 6 5
♣ 7 6 4 3

26
6 6
2

Deal 29 ♠ A 8 6 3

North Deals ♥ 7

Both Vul ♦ Q J 10 6

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ K 10 2

♥ K Q 9 8 2

♦ 8 5 4

♣ A 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 9 4

♥ A J 6 3

♦ A 7 2

♣ K 6 4

♠ J 7 5

♥ 10 5 4

♦ K 9 3

♣ Q 9 8 5

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12 14
6

Deal 30

East Deals

None Vul

♦ A 10 8 7 4 3

♠ A J

♥ A

♦ A 10 8 7 4 3

♣ A J 9 3

♠ Q 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 7 6 2

♦ 9 2

♣ 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 5
♥ K Q J 10 8 4
♦ —
♣ K Q 4 2

18
2 11
9

♠ K 7 2
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q J 6 5
♣ 10 7 5

Deal 31

♠ A K 8 7 5

South Deals

♥ A 4

N-S Vul

♦ A 6 3

♣ A J 7

♠ Q J 9

♥ Q 10 7 6

♦ 10 5 2

♣ 9 6 4



♠ —

♥ J 9 8 3

♦ Q J 9 7 4

♣ Q 8 5 3

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5 6

9

♠ 10 6 4 3 2

♥ K 5 2

♦ K 8

♣ K 10 2

Deal 32 ♠ A 7 6
West Deals ♥ 9 7 3
E-W Vul ♦ 10 6 4 3
 ♣ Q 8 7

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

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11 16
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♠ K Q 9 4 2
♥ 5
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 9 6 5 3

Deal 33

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| North Deals | ♠ A |
| None Vul | ♥ A K 6 |
| | ♦ A K Q 9 7 4 |
| | ♣ A Q 9 |
| ♠ Q J 10 5 3 | ♠ K 9 7 4 |
| ♥ Q 8 7 2 | ♥ 10 9 5 4 |
| ♦ 3 | ♦ 8 2 |
| ♣ J 8 5 | ♣ K 10 2 |
| 26 6 6 2 | ♠ 8 6 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ J 10 6 5 ♣ 7 6 4 3 |



Deal 34

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 8 6 3

♥ 7

♦ Q J 10 6

♣ J 10 7 2

♠ K 10 2

♥ K Q 9 8 2

♦ 8 5 4

♣ A 3

W N E S

♠ Q 9 4

♥ A J 6 3

♦ A 7 2

♣ K 6 4

♠ J 7 5

♥ 10 5 4

♦ K 9 3

♣ Q 9 8 5

8
12 14
6

Deal 35

South Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A J

♥ A

♦ A 10 8 7 4 3

♣ A J 9 3

♠ Q 9 6 4 3

♥ 9 7 6 2

♦ 9 2

♣ 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ 10 8 5

♥ K Q J 10 8 4

♦ —

♣ K Q 4 2

18
2 11
9

♠ K 7 2

♥ 5 3

♦ K Q J 6 5

♣ 10 7 5