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- **♠** K J 3
- **♥** K 7 6 4
- ◆ A J 2 ◆ 7 4 3
- **A** A Q 2 **∀** A 5 2
- ♦ K Q 8 7
- ♣ A K J



You open 2♣ and rebid 2NT showing 22 to 24 HCP after partner's 2♦ "waiting" response. With a perfectly balanced hand, partner disdains Stayman and boosts you to 6NT knowing of at least 33 HCP between the two hands.

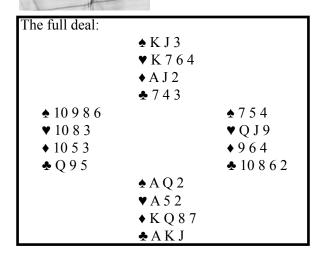
The opening lead is the **♠10**. Plan the play.

You have 11 top tricks with two chances for a 12th: hearts 3-3 (36%) or the ♣Q with East (50%). Once again, trying to set up an extra trick in the longer suit (hearts) is best because if the suit does not break 3-3, you are still alive and can take the club finesse. The plan, therefore, is to duck a heart and then test hearts. If hearts are 3-3, you won't need the club finesse. Your chance for success is 68%.

The technique of ducking a lace-king and a heart to see if they break 4-2 so you can stit two heart tricks in which cas ace).

ying the ace-king is far superior to playing the r two reasons: (1) You retain control of the suit if esse. (2) If hearts are 4-2, the opponents can take

a chance to take a club fir









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