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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Maureen Kay Phillips., Deceased.
No. 2025-PR-000042

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on June 23, 2025, a petition was filed in this Court by, Danielle Ross, heir of Maureen Kay Phillips, deceased, requesting probate of the estate and that they be named the Executor of the Estate and be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before July 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court of Dickinson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred. Danielle Ross, Petitioner

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1			6	4	3	2		
		5		2	9	6		7
	6			1			7	2
8		9				1		3
4	1			3			8	
9		4	5	6		3		
		1	3	9	2			6

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FORCING TO GAME WITH BOTH MAJORS

For the last two days, we have looked at responder's inviting game with 5-4 in the majors opposite a one-no-trump opening bid. What does he do with game-forcing values?

The best method is the Smolen convention. Responder bids two clubs, Stayman. If the opener shows a four-card major, responder raises to game in that suit. But if the opener rebids two diamonds, the responder jumps to three of his four-card major. In this way, if they have a 5-3 major-suit fit, the opener becomes the declarer -- as in today's deal. (Three no-trump would have been fine here, but if North had, say, a singleton diamond, the weakness in that suit might have been fatal.)

West leads the diamond king against four hearts. How should South plan the play?

Note that if North is the declarer in four hearts, the diamond-10 lead from East, a likely choice, would be lethal. The defenders would get one heart, two diamonds

North	♠ K J 5 2		
	♥ A Q 10 7 2		
	♦ 6 4 3		
	♣ 5		
West	♠ 8 7 4		
	♥ 6 5 3		
	♦ K Q 7 2		
	♣ 8 7 2		
East	♠ Q 10 9		
	♥ K 4		
	♦ 10 9 8		
	♣ A 9 6 4 3		
South	♠ A 6 3		
	♥ J 9 8		
	♦ A J 5		
	♣ K Q J 10		
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ K			

and one club.

In contrast, when South is the declarer, he is in control as long as he ducks the first trick, executing a Bath Coup. What can West do next?

A trump shift is best. If declarer tries the finesse, he goes down because East wins and leads back a diamond. But South, anticipating that scenario, should win with dummy's ace and call for the club five. If East takes the trick and plays a diamond, South wins, throws dummy's last diamond on a high club, and works on trumps to take two spades, four hearts, one diamond and three clubs. Or if East ducks the club, declarer wins and returns a club, discarding a diamond from the dummy.

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