

**HAND OF THE WEEK No 3 :**

**EXPLANATION OF ELIMINATION AND THROW IN**

S A76

H KJ93

D KJ4

C J32

S KJ83

S Q10954

H 42

H 8

D Q975

D 862

C 1087

C Q964

S 2

H AQ10764

D A103

C AK5

You are in 6H's, with 11 top tricks. The 12<sup>th</sup> will have to come from making all 3 D's. You can finesse either of the defenders hands for the DQ -which one?

No need to guess ; eliminate H's and S's ( Take out Trumps and ruff two S's ) to reach this position

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H 64

D A103

### C AK5

Next play CA , then CK , then C5. You have now ELIMINATED C's as well as S's and H's, and THROWN IN West with the C5 , won with her CQ. She now either leads her SQ or 10, which gives a discard ( of a D ) and a ruff in the other hand, ( the 12<sup>th</sup> trick, or leads a D round to your KJ, so giving you your 12<sup>th</sup> trick whoever has the DQ

Simply finessing either hand is a 50% chance of making the Slam , the elimination and throw in gives a 100% chance.

(If you were going to finesse, playing C AK first gives you the added chance of DQ being doubleton, but also the chance of going 2 down.)