

Slamming -- Problem

Board 9

West Deals

N-S Vul



♠ J 10 5

♥ 8 7 5

♦ Q 7 5

♣ A 9 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦ ¹
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Dbl	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	?

1. Forcing to game, at least a king or two queens.

Your modest hand becomes plenty for game, when partner opens a strong two bid. In order, you show that, you have values, heart support, and a club control. (Your partnership cue bids in the Italian style, cheapest first or second round control.)

Partner keeps going over your 4 ♥ bid. What now?

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Pete</i>		<i>Gary</i>
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦ ¹
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Dbl	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♥	All pass	

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6 ♥ by North

Made 6 — NS +1430

My partner, Gary Schwartz, made a great bid of 5 ♦, showing the third round diamond control that I needed. His 4 ♥ bid had already denied any further first or second round control.

Because I could now count 12 tricks (2 spades, 5 hearts, 3 diamonds & 2 clubs), I bid the fine slam. Had I been absolutely sure Gary had the ♦ Q, and not a doubleton, I would have bid 6 NT -- safer and 10 points better in this matchpoint event. In turn, Gary also could not bid 6 NT, since I might have had some other winner than the ♣ K (West's double asked for a club to be led).