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**Lawrence:** 3♠. I hope to be able to show the hearts at some point. Partner rates to have something so I can anticipate a second bid.

**Hamilton:** Double. 3♠ pretty much puts all the eggs in one basket, yet double followed by 3♠, after a likely 3♦ response by pard, overstates the hand's power. Even promoting the clubs from ♣AQ to ♣AK, I would double and take my chances with an overbid rather than risk missing a winning heart fit.

**Ivaska:** 3♠. Not quite good enough for double followed by removal of the likely 3♦ takeout into 3♠, though that will often work out well (usually by steering us into a heart contract). I would have doubled with better spade spots, as spades might then be playable opposite a singleton.

**Roeder:** 3♠. This toughie makes up for the ease of Problem 3. Double puts so many eggs in the hope that Pard has four or more hearts. And if pard responds to double with any number of diamonds, Lucifer will be guffawing. If you pass, will pard reopen with: ♠KJx ♥Qxxx ♦Jxxx ♣xx and the like? Likewise, 4♣ is far from a panacea as pard will respond 4♥ with three hearts and two spades – not to mention that you are a touch light for 4♣ opposite a passed hand.

**Rosen:** 4♣. Double is too modern for me.

**J.S.:** The double doesn't put all the eggs in the heart basket. It spreads the eggs over several baskets. Unfortunately one of them, the diamond basket, has a gap-

ing hole in it.

**Stakgold:** 3♠. Partner can have many modest hands which will make 4♣ a good contract. I don't double because I am void in diamonds. With a fifth heart, I would have bid 4♣.

**J.S.:** Because the South hand offers strong game potential in both spades and hearts, a double may be worth the risk of a diamond bid by partner in order to bring hearts into the picture. If he does bid 3♦, a 3♠ bid by you is not that much of an overbid. Partner will pass a simple 3♠ overcall on some hands which produce a spade game, and other that produce a heart game. At the table, South tried 4♣, despite holding only four hearts. This got a surprising 5♠ bid from North, who held: ♠AKJ9 ♥84 ♦K943 ♣764.

South thereupon aggressively raised to slam. Only a club lead from the ♣KJ10xxx, removing an entry prematurely from the South hand, would have defeated the contract.

## Problem 5.

North/South vulnerable, IMP scoring  
You are South holding:

♠AK106 ♥A543 ♦KJ ♣653

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥*	Pass
?			

\*Slam try in hearts, no shortness.

**J.S.:** What is your plan?

**Lee:** 4♣. I would just cuebid, which solves two problems: 1. finding out whether we have a club control, and 2. whether or not partner was joking.

**Roeder:** 4♣ (or 4NT if we are playing kickback). For any point-counters who consider this a minimum: shame, shame! Easily worth one try. If Zia was behind in a match, he might psyche a 5♣ cue bid!

**Stakgold:** 4♣. I have excellent heart support and my 15 HCP are mostly aces and kings so that slam prospects are good. As little as: ♠Qx ♥KJxxxx ♦Qxx ♣Ax yields an excellent play for slam. If partner bids 5♥, I will pass; over 5♦, I bid 5♥; over 5♣, I bid 6♥.

**Lawrence:** 6♥. I'm heading for a slam. Rather than bid 4NT or 4♣, both of which give partner a chance to bid something East can double or not double, I will just bid 6♥ and leave everyone guessing. I can't imagine a hand that doesn't have two key cards.

**Ivaska:** 6♥. "Plan" is probably too august a term to apply to this approach, but I'm not sure that a more scientific auction (say, a 4♣ cuebid) will shed more light on the situation. The viability of the heart slam depends on a number of factors which are difficult (or even impossible) to determine (whether partner holds the ♦Q, his side distribution, his spade honors, if any, etc.). Anyway, I expect to have some sort of play.

**Rosen:** 6♥. Love this controllish hand with four trumps and a ruffing value. They might have to find the right lead to beat me.

**Bramley:** 6♥. Good trumps, good controls and a ruffing value. I can't have much better than this, so I take the direct route. Science may help us avoid a bad slam. Bashing may help us make a bad

slam. In my system 4♣ asks for keycards and 4NT is a spade cue. If I chose the spade cue, and partner bid 5♣, I would certainly jump to slam. One reason is that 5♣ did not get doubled (right?), which greatly improves our slam chances.

**Hamilton:** 4♣. One might just bid slam if feeling lucky, but if you do bid 4♣ then over a 5♣ bid, 5♥ is all you should do, planning to give up if partner retreats to 5♥. If you seek pard's opinion, you should live with it.

**Meyers:** Pass. Even opposite six solid hearts (missing the ace) and the ♣AK, I may be on a finesse just to take eleven tricks.

**J.S.:** Passing seems too conservative to me, but it was spot on this time. Partner held a minimum for his try: ♠972 ♥KQJ962 ♦106 ♣AK. It was perhaps a bit unfortunate that one of partner's doubletons was opposite your doubleton – although that will be the case about two-thirds of the time. But even if North held a doubleton spade, slam would be on a finesse.

For many a year, in my partnerships, after a Jacoby Transfer a jump in a new suit has shown a short suit slam try; a jump to game is a balanced slam try. On the basis of this deal I am suggesting a slight refinement: a jump to game is a minimum slam try – a hand that might have needed a super-accept to warrant slam. A stronger balanced slam try is made by jumping to the lowest suit (3♠ over 2♥ or 4♣ over 2♠) which shows either a short suit or a good balanced hand. Opener bids the ranking suit to determine which type of hand it is. At the table, South adopted Ivar's plan. North showed the club control and the 15% slam failed.

I don't know if partner and I have learned anything from our misadventures on these deals; I hope you have.

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