

♠♥♦♣ GO FOR BROKE ♠♥♦♣

Easts dealt and passed. This is your hand:

S	undefined
♠	
♥	K9
♦	A987
♣	AKQJ1076

This is a very powerful hand. With zero points from your partner, you can take 8 tricks off the top. The choice of opening is between 1♣ and 2♣.

Opening 2♣ is awkward when you know you are going to rebid a minor suit. But this forcing bid is often necessary when you are afraid of a 1♣ opening being passed out. However, there is really little possibility of being passed out. Somebody has a lot of Spades – either the opponents or your partner. Between Spades and Hearts, somebody is going to enter over your 1♣ opening.

Say you open 1♣ and Lefty overcalls 3♠. This is a week jump overcall, showing a 7-card Spade suit with less than opening hand strength.

Your partner Doubles and Righty jumps to 5♠! It's back to you. What do you say?

Partner's double is the Negative Double. He is showing Hearts and since it must drive you to the 4-level, it must show significant strength. East was already a passed hand and his partner showed weakness, also. The majority of the points must be with you and your partner.

Considering the concentration of strength and the invincibility of your Club suit, your choices are between 6♣ and 7♣. You have no Spade losers and partner's Hearts will surely give you discards in your Diamond suit.

Say you settle for 6♣. West passes and your partner pulls your Club slam to 6♥. East passes and it's your call.

North's Negative Double promised Hearts but his 6♥ bid promised **significant** Hearts. Your 2 Hearts along with the ♥K will surely make the suit self-sufficient. Therefore, your solid 7-card Club suit will provide all the discards that Partner needs to pitch his losers. This hand is probably the most suitable you will ever have for a grand slam. You must raise to 7♥.

In 7♥, East leads the ♣8. Take over for Partner:

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East Leads: ♣8

N	undefined
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♥	AQJ6532
♦	Q43
♣	952

Looks easy, doesn't it? Even if Hearts break 4-0, you have no losers in that suit. You have 6 losers in the minors that you can pitch on the dummy's Clubs.

What is the only problem you see?

There is a very good possibility that the initial Club lead will be ruffed by West. But there is nothing you can do about that. Except, hold your breath and play your ♣A.

The bridge gods are with you – West follows suit and you can follow your plan and take all 13 tricks.

This is the entire deal:

2	N undefined	W	N	E	S
	♠ AQJ6532 ♥ Q43 ♦ 952	3♣ X P 6♥ P P		P 5♠ P P	1♣ 6♣ 7♥
W undefined		E undefined			
♠ AKJ7532 ♥ 74 ♦ 52 ♣ 43		♠ Q109864 ♥ 108 ♦ KJ106 ♣ 8			
	S undefined				
	♠ K9 ♥ A987 ♦ AKQJ1076	7♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0			

You can see how this hand should be played by clicking on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/zhlogw3s>, or copy and paste it into your browser. Click on the "Next" button on the bottom to advance through each trick. If you don't want to see the opponents hands, click on the white area in the South hand before you start.

Alternatively, by clicking on "Play" you can play all four hands and see if you can make the hand on your own.