

♠♥♦♣ A MINOR SUIT SLAM ♠♥♦♣

You are the dealer with this hand:

S	undefined
♠	AQ62
♥	8542
♦	A1084
♣	A

This is a 4x1, or a 4=4=4=1. It has 14 HCP and the standard opening is 1♦. West overcalls 3♣ and partner responds 4♣.

This is a cuebid showing strong support of Diamonds. A cuebid at the 4-level by your partner is game forcing and slam invitational. You can accept the invitation with a control cuebid of 4♠. This says you have a first or second round control of Spades, but not of Hearts. North wants to use Blackwood to check on key cards, and therefore doesn't have the luxury of checking on club stoppers. He just rebids 4NT.

You have 3 key cards and rebid 5♦. Now partner asks for Kings. Having none, you just return to a small slam of 6♦.

West leads the ♣K and you see this dummy.

N	undefined
♠	J107
♥	AKJ
♦	KQ32
♣	J64

West Leads: ♣K

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At first look, this doesn't seem like it makes. You have 3 or 4 Spades, 2 Hearts, 4 Diamonds and 1 Club. You are 1 or 2 tricks short.

Since West overcalled with a weak long club hand, the probability is high that the missing ♠K is in East (good) and the ♥Q is also in East (bad).

There is a winning line of play that is not always recognized. It is called "dummy reversal." Put yourself in the North position to play this deal. Assuming the ♠K is on side, you have 10 top tricks and 2 Club ruffs, for a total of 12.

Win the ♣A and don't draw any trump. First go to the dummy twice in Hearts and ruff the two Clubs, using the low Diamonds. Now you can draw the trump in three rounds, ending in the Dummy. Lead the ♠J and ♠10. East does best by covering one of those honors. Now you can only take 3 Spades and must ruff the 4th Spade with dummy's last Diamond. Finally, you must lose the Heart to the ♥Q which turns out to be in West. You've taken 3 Spades and 1 Spade ruff, 2 Hearts, 3 Diamonds, 1 Club and 2 Club ruffs. That's 12 tricks in total for +980.

This is the entire deal:

11		N North		E East	
		♠ J 10 7		♠ K 8 5 4 3	
		♥ A K J		♥ 10 3	
		♦ K Q 3 2		♦ J 7 6	
		♣ J 6 4		♣ 9 7 5	
W West		W N E S			
♠ 9		1♦			
♥ Q 9 7 6		3♣ 4♣ Pass 4♠			
♦ 9 5		Pass 4NT Pass 5♦			
♣ K Q 10 8 3 2		Pass 5NT Pass 6♦			
		Pass Pass Pass			
		S South			
		♠ A Q 6 2			
		♥ 8 5 4 2			
		♦ A 10 8 4			
		♣ A			
				6♦ South	
				0 0	

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

<https://tinyurl.com/2bjalgol>, 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. <https://tinyurl.com/2p3hmb44>