

♠♥♦♣ SLAM IN A MINOR ♠♥♦♣

You are the dealer with this hand:

S	euvid
♠	
♥	J109862
♦	A9
♣	KQ532

Many would open this hand with a weak 2♥. In fact, when played on BBO, many did. There are two reasons not to open this hand. The first is that the Hearts are rather weak. The second and more important, is that you have a void. Voids are powerful - as long as they aren't in the trump suit 😊

Why not wait and see what develops after your partner gets a chance to open or overcall.

West also passes and your partner opens 1♠. That's bad news!

East overcalls 2♦ and it's back to you. You wished your partner opened in one of the rounded suits. But you can suggest both of them and at the same time, deny Spade support. You can make a negative double for the unbid suits.

Over your double West raises to 3♦. This shows a weak raise because if it were a strong raise, he would have cue bid 2♠.

North rebids 4♣ and East passes. It's back to you. This is the bidding so far:

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♠	2♦	Dbl
3♦	4♣	Pass	??

Now you have found a fit in Clubs and your void comes back into the picture. Your 10 HCP are now worth another 6 Dummy points. You have an easy raise to 5♣.

When the bid returns to North, he raises you to 6♣!

East leads the $\heartsuit K$ and you spread your hand. Take over for North

S euvid

\spadesuit

\heartsuit J109862

\diamondsuit A9

\clubsuit KQ532

East Leads: $\diamondsuit K$

N euvid

\spadesuit AKJ9542

\heartsuit

\diamondsuit 10

\clubsuit A10764

You can see why North raised you to 6 \clubsuit . He has only 2 losers outside of Clubs, and you have shown a good Club suit. He didn't use Blackwood, because of his void. In fact, the only thing better than a void, is 2 voids facing each other.

The play is trivial. You win the Diamond lead and draw two rounds of trump, ending in the Dummy. You lead the $\spadesuit AK$, discarding the losing Diamond and a Heart. When East plays the $\spadesuit Q$ on your $\spadesuit J$, you ruff in your hand. Then you go back to the Dummy by ruffing a Heart and discard the rest of your Hearts on the good Spades. You take all 13 tricks.

This is the entire deal:

14 D	N euvid	W	N	E	S	
	\spadesuit AKJ9542		P	1 \heartsuit	2 \diamondsuit	X
	\heartsuit		3 \diamondsuit	4 \clubsuit	P	5 \clubsuit
	\diamondsuit 10		P	6 \clubsuit	P	P
	\clubsuit A10764		P			
W euvid		E euvid				
\spadesuit 863		\spadesuit Q107				
\heartsuit AK5		\heartsuit Q743				
\diamondsuit 76432		\diamondsuit KQJ85				
\clubsuit J8		\clubsuit 9				
	S euvid					
	\spadesuit J109862					
	\diamondsuit A9					
	\clubsuit KQ532					
		6 \clubsuit N		NS: 0 EW: 0		

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

<https://tinyurl.com/zh6nn95v> , 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>

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