

OH, THOSE LONG SUITS

Your partner is the dealer and opens 1♥. This is your hand:

S	South
♠	AK86532
♥	3
♦	2
♣	A1052

Your seven card spade suit makes this hand game forcing. You respond 1♠ and partner rebids 2♣. West interjects a 2♦ overcall and it's back to you.

You can rebid your spades or support partner's clubs, but making a simple rebid of an old suit is non-forcing. You don't want partner to pass. I would recommend 3♠. You have a semi self-sufficient spade suit. You can almost manage a spade contract without any spades from partner.

Over your 3♠, North rebids 4♣. He is expressing very negative feelings about your major suit, and is emphasizing his clubs. This sounds like you may have a club slam in the making.

This is the time to start cue bidding. Rebid 4♦. This tells partner you like his clubs and are interested in slam. He cue bids his hearts and you know enough to launch into Roman Key Card Blackwood. Over your 4NT, North bids 5♠. This shows two of five key cards (including the ♠K as the 5th) and the ♣Q. Since you are only off either a red ace or the ♣K, you bid 6♣. This is the bidding sequence:

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	2♦	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣
All	Pass		

East leads the ♦A. Take over for North and plan the play:

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