

# LESSONS FROM MONTEREY

## Suit Slam Ingredients

- Tricks (Singletons are splendid. 4333 is bad.)
- Trumps (Be optimistic with good trumps.)
- conTrols (Aces and Kings)

After you find a trump fit, you might want to play in notrump (despite the trump fit).

## Notrump Game or Slam Ingredients

- Trick Source  
High cards - or -  
Long suit



- Stoppers  
If you have positional stoppers (AQ or KJx),  
bid notrump before Partner does.

FRIDAY MORNING SIDE GAME

Deal 21

North Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ K 8  
 ♥ A 9 2  
 ♦ 3 2  
 ♣ A Q 10 5 3 2

♠ Q J  
 ♥ J 8 3  
 ♦ Q J 10 9 7 5  
 ♣ 7 6

♠ A 9 5 2  
 ♥ K 10 7 6  
 ♦ A 6  
 ♣ K 9 8

♠ 10 7 6 4 3  
 ♥ Q 5 4  
 ♦ K 8 4  
 ♣ J 4

♠ 13  
 ♥ 6 7  
 ♦ 14

♠ N  
 ♥ W  
 ♦ S  
 ♣ E

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	3 ♦ aggressive	Dbf
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT optimistic	Pass	5 ♥ two_aces
Pass	6 ♣	All pass	

South's control-bid shows a good raise to 5 ♣.  
How might Declarer avoid a Heart loser?

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Deal 1

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ A Q 8 7 6  
 ♥ J 7 4 3  
 ♦ K J 4  
 ♣ Q

♠ 4 2  
 ♥ Q 9 8 5 2  
 ♦ 9 8 3 2  
 ♣ 9 3

♠ 10 9 3  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ 10 7 5  
 ♣ A 10 8 6 5 4 2

♠ K J 5  
 ♥ A K 10 6  
 ♦ A Q 6  
 ♣ K J 7

♠ 13  
 ♥ 4 2  
 ♦ 21

♠ N  
 ♥ W  
 ♦ S  
 ♣ E

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	6 NT key_bid
All pass			

Does South expect to ruff anything? Positional stoppers?

Deal 2

East Deals  
N-S Vul

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♠ 10 8 2  
 ♥ K 8 5  
 ♦ A 10 7 6  
 ♣ K 9 3

♠ 5 4 3  
 ♥ A J 9 7 4 3  
 ♦ K Q  
 ♣ J 7

♠ Q 9 7 6  
 ♥ 10 2  
 ♦ 5 4 3  
 ♣ 10 5 4 2

♠ A K J  
 ♥ Q 6  
 ♦ J 9 8 2  
 ♣ A Q 8 6

♠ 10  
 ♥ 17 11  
 ♦ 2

♠ N  
 ♥ W  
 ♦ S  
 ♣ E

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 NT key_bid	All pass		

Does West expect to ruff anything? Positional stoppers?  
Do EW have enough high-card power to play notrump?

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Deal 11

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7 5  
 ♥ Q 10 5 4 2  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ K J 7 5 3

♠ K Q 10 9 3 2  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ 10 9  
 ♣ A Q 8 4

♠ J 8 4  
 ♥ A 9 8 6  
 ♦ K Q 6 5  
 ♣ 10 9

♠ A 6  
 ♥ K 7 3  
 ♦ A J 8 7 3 2  
 ♣ 6 2

♠ 6  
 ♥ 10 12  
 ♦ 12

♠ N  
 ♥ W  
 ♦ S  
 ♣ E

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	1 ♠	1 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	4 ♠	Dbf support
2 ♦			All pass

South leads normal ♥, then thinks when in with ♠ Ace.

Deal 13

North Deals  
Both Vul

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♠ 6 5 2  
 ♥ Q 10 8 6  
 ♦ Q 9 5 2  
 ♣ 7 6

♠ K Q J 7 4  
 ♥ K 3  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ K 10 9 8 2

♠ 9 8  
 ♥ 9 4  
 ♦ A K J 4 3  
 ♣ Q J 5 4

♠ A 10 3  
 ♥ A J 7 5 2  
 ♦ 10 8 6  
 ♣ A 3

♠ 4  
 ♥ 13 12  
 ♦ 11

♠ N  
 ♥ W  
 ♦ S  
 ♣ E

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

What will Declarer do with the Club losers? Draw trump?

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Deal 3

South Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 5  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ 10 9 8 6 2  
 ♣ J 5 4 2

♠ A K 8 6  
 ♥ K Q 7 2  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ A 9 7 6

♠ J 4  
 ♥ A 9 8 6 4  
 ♦ A 5  
 ♣ K Q 10 3

♠ 10 7 3 2  
 ♥ J 10 5  
 ♦ K Q J 4 3  
 ♣ 8

♠ 3  
 ♥ 14 16  
 ♦ 7

♠ N  
 ♥ W  
 ♦ S  
 ♣ E

West	North	East	South
	Pass	2 NT Jacoby	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
3 NT non-minimum	Pass	4 NT	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass		
7 ♥ remembers_4C_bid	All pass		