

# 10. 2025 – Brining Home that Slam

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**Dealer E, Both Vul**

For any Contract, count your winners very early on:

	<b>NORTH</b>	
	A96	
	Q10743	
	4	
	K832	
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>
KQ742		-
A5		KJ62
J3		AKQ985
QJ76		A109
	<b>SOUTH</b>	
	J10853	
	98	
	10762	
	54	

## Bidding at our Table

East	South	West	North
1D	P	1S	P
3D (1)	P	4NT (2)	P
5C (3)	P	6D	P
P	P		

- (1) Very good Diamonds (6+) with 16+ Points
- (2) RKCB
- (3) 3 Key Cards

## CONTRACT AND LEAD

6D by East, lead H9

## ANALYSIS

East must count the winners. 6 Diamonds, 3 Hearts (due to the lead), 2 to 4 Clubs, 1 Spade = at least 12 Tricks

The weakness is the 4<sup>th</sup> Heart in East's Hand if the Club finesse loses to South. You must make a Spade

You win in Hand with HK or HJ (depending whether North plays HQ or lower)

The DA, small D to DJ, discovering 4-1 break

Then play SK. North will surely cover it (if not, let it run). Ruff SK if covered, then draw Trumps, Heart to HA, cash SQ throwing losing Heart, then play CQ. North can cover it or let it run. Making 7D

### **MORAL OF THE STORY**

The key to this Hand is realising you need A Spade to make if South has CK, and to set the Spade up early (you have limited entries to Dummy)

**Ian Morison**

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