

Slam - Setting Up Dummy's Long Suit

**Board 4**

West Deals ♠ J 9 3  
♥ 10 6 2

Both Vul ♦ 9 7

♣ Q 10 9 4 2

♠ Q 8 6 5  
♥ Q J 9 8 3  
♦ —  
♣ A J 6 3



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

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

E 7♥; W 6♥; EW 5♠; EW 3N; E 5♦;  
W 4♦; EW 1♣; Par -2210

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Lead: 2♥

Almost everyone bid 6♥ and yet only one pair managed to make their contract. Basically you have to set up the diamond suit. Best way to do that is to ruff 2 diamonds in the West hand "right away". Don't cash the ace/king first. If a heart is led win in the East hand and ruff a diamond low. If you want to make 7♥, with the heart lead, ruff a club in dummy and cash the king of hearts. Then lead another diamond and ruff again. Pull the remaining trump. Throw East's losing spades on the hearts and the ace of clubs. Lead a spade to East's ace and cash the remaining diamonds.

**Note:** Under makeable contracts it states that a West declarer can only make 6♥. Why is that?

Contract	Lead	Made	Scores		Matchpoints	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
6♥ W	♥ 2	-2	200		5.00	0.00
6♥ W	♥ 2	-1	100		3.50	1.50
5♦ E	♣ 4	-1	100		3.50	1.50
Pass	Pass				2.00	3.00
4♥ W	♣ 2	6		680	1.00	4.00
6♥ W	♥ 6	7		1460	0.00	5.00