

Jim's Lessons Week 2 #3 Stripping a Hand

Board 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 2
♥ K Q 10 8 4 2
♦ A Q 3
♣ A Q 9

♠ 10 7 5
♥ —
♦ K J 10 9 8 6 5 4
♣ J 5



♠ K Q 9 8 6 3
♥ 9 5
♦ 7
♣ K 10 8 4

♠ A J 4
♥ A J 7 6 3
♦ 2
♣ 7 6 3 2

NS 6♥; NS 5N; W 2♠; NS 3♣; EW 2♦;
E 1♠; Par +800: W 6♠×-4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
All pass			
6 ♥ by North			

Lead: K♠

The contract is six hearts by North and a spade is led. The best line of play is to win the ace of spades and draw trump, Then eliminate “strip” all the spades and diamonds.

Procedure: Play a heart to the king and then another to the ace. Ruff a spade in the North hand ruff and a diamond in the South hand. Then ruff another spade in the North hand and another diamond in the South hand. Now lead a club from the South hand. If West plays the jack of clubs then play the queen in the North hand. Otherwise play the nine of clubs. West will win and have to do something helpful. If he leads a spade or a diamond, ruff in dummy and throw the remaining club.

Congratulations on making your slam.