

The Hand of a Lifetime

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South was Henri Svarc who for many years was one of the best French players. See if you can find the play he made to bringin this slam. Think imaginatively... and then some! Plan the play.

North			
♠ A 4 3 2			
♥ A 10 5 4 3 2			
♦ A 5 4			
♣ —			
South			
♠ K Q J 10 9 8 7 5			
♥ K			
♦ J 7 6 3			
♣ —			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	6♠	1♦	4♠
		All pass	

Lead : Diamond 2

The lead is clearly a singleton so you had better rise with the diamond Ace as West figures to have the missing trump. Now that you have overcome that hurdle, how are you going to get rid of all your diamonds? Well, you can cash your heart King and if hearts break 3-3, you can set up the suit with one ruff. But you need two dummy entries to pull this off and only one is in plain sight, the spade Ace. Henri found two! Do you see the entry Henri saw? It was the spade 6! Yes, I know you dont have the spade 6. They do and they must pay!

North	
♠ A 4 3 2	
♥ A 10 5 4 3 2	
♦ A 5 4	
♣ —	
West	East
♠ 6	♠ —
♥ 9 7 6	♥ Q J 8
♦ 2	♦ K Q 10 9 8
♣ K J 9 8 6 5 3 2	♣ A Q 10 7 4
South	
♠ K Q J 10 9 8 7 5	
♥ K	
♦ J 7 6 3	
♣ —	

At trick two Svarc crossed to the King of heart and led the spade 5 . When West played the 6, he let him hold the trick! Now what could West play? If he leads a heart, Svarc can set up the hearts using the spade Ace as the entry to get to the hearts. If he leads a club, Svarc ruffs in dummy and is again able to set up the hearts while the spade Ace is over there.

