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Dealer West, None Vul.

Problem: Find & Play Slam..

		North		
		 K Q 9 8		
		 A Q 3 2		
		 8 4 3		
		 K 2		
West				East
 J 3 2				 7 6 5 4
 J 10 8 7				 K 6 5 4
 K 6 5				 10 9 2
 J 8 3				 5 4
		South		
		 A 10		
		 8		
		 A Q J 7		
		 A Q 10 9 7 6		

The most interesting facet of this Hand from Wednesday in RBC was the fact that NO N/S pair bid to the Slam.

The Bidding should have gone (East passing):

	S	W	N	E
	1C	P	1H	P
	2NT	P	3S(1)	P
	5C(2)	P	6C (3)	P
	6NT (4)	P	P	P

- (1) Forcing to (at least) Game (2) Revaluing hand - singleton & 6-carder
- (3) Club King now powerful. (4) The Thinking Man's Bid!!!

The Play:

Very simple, for such an odd fit. Play off the Clubs. It looks like you need either of the two red-suit finesses - BOTH are wrong - but you actually don't. You just play the Spades first, on a "You never know" basis! Lo and behold, they yield four tricks - and your Contract.

In Pairs, the overtrick is crucial, so you should be paying attention to discards. If E/W have a discard system, they should have no trouble in being able to retain cover for their respective Kings. Hey, Ho!!