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Dealer South, N/S Vul.

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

The most interesting facet of this Hand from Wednesday in RBC was the fact that NO E/W pair bid to even a Small Slam.

The Bidding should have gone::

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

(1) Hard to imagine a distribution where these Hearts will not yield 4 tricks

(2) Relay. (3) Eight Playing Tricks in Hearts. (4) The Thinking Man's Bid:

If East has 8 tricks WITHOUT the A Q of Hearts, he's got to be strong elsewhere. West's Clubs are now potentially of huge value. (4) Gerber.

(5) With all the Aces, this bid MUST be viewed as natural. Six Hearts will also work. (Partner MUST be aware that 6 Clubs is NOT to play.)

(6). Slightly cowardly. Partner's Clubs are now of great value, and at worst the Grand will hinge on the Diamond Finesse.

With Splinter Bids and Roman Key Card Blackwood, arriving at the Grand Slam in Hearts is simple. The really courageous (foolhardy? JG-like?) will got to 7 No Trump!!