

Here is an example of a solid Slam on a mere 26 points. The only question is how to bid it!!!

Bidding:

The bidding below is based on a 4-Card major system, but nonetheless North is patently wrong to not mention at some stage his support for South's Hearts once it is obvious that he is so strong. (I only bid like that to arrive in the Contract.)

A possible sequence (E/W silent) is 1H – 2D – 3C (a strong bid, which cannot be passed – remember that) – 4H – 4NT (Blackwood) – 5H – 6H OR 6NT. Note that if the missing Ace is the Ace of Spades there are no losers in the suit, OR if the Diamond Ace this gives a Spade discard. You would, of course, only bid 6NT if using Roman Key-Card Blackwood, which would indicate which Ace it was. Note also the enormous value of that magnificent Club suit.

The Slam only depends on the Heart finesse.

A stitched small Slam on 26 points. Would you have bid it?

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