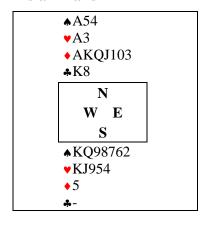


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A slam hand



On these hands you can make 7.

You have <u>controls</u> in every non-trump suit: ♥A, ◆A and a void in clubs

As well as controls you need to have enough winners

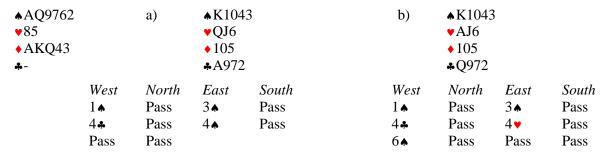
Here you have 7 trump, 2 hearts and at least 5 diamonds - more than enough

This deal comes from the 1995 World Championships, and it is a matter of record that many of the expert pairs did not have the methods to bid the Grand Slam

The Cue-bid

♦ AQ9762	West	North	East	South
v 85	1 ♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
◆ AKQ43	?			

Partner has shown spade support and 10 or 11 points. You certainly have the values for game, and slam is in the air We start with 4*, *a cue-bid* which promises **control** in clubs. Here are two East hands to put beside this West hand:



With no heart control East-West do not bid above 4.

When East cuebids 4♥ West knows 6♠ should make

NB: 4* in this auction cannot be a suggestion that we play in clubs: spades are the agreed trump suit.

4* says: "we must play in at least game, since I did not pass 3*, but I have such a good hand that I think there may be a slam. Please cuebid any first round control you have."

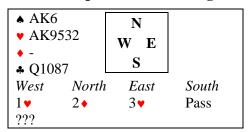


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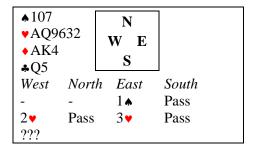
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Some examples of cue-bidding



Hearts are agreed by the limit response at the 3-level. So West's 3 is a <u>cue-bid</u>. If East has A or a club void he cuebids 4 is. With no club control but A he bids 4 is. With no first round controls he bids 4 is. If he bids 4 is or 4 is West knows there is no club. control, so he *signs off* in 4 is Note that you cue-bid 3 is, not 4 is.

Always cue in the cheapest available suit
This allows partner to cuebid in return.



♠ Q108		N	
▼ AK9:	532	W E	
• AK6		S	
West	North	East	South
1♥	2 •	3♥	Pass
4 .	Pass	??	

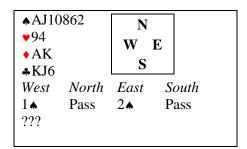
This time West has no spade control. He bids 4.4, his cheapest control. If East has no spade control either he *signs off* in 4.4. If he has spade control he can bid 4.4.

Note that East knows West has no spade control yet he is making a slam try, so he must have a good hand. He *must* sign off with no control in spades, but should bid 4 if he has a control. When we 'skip' a suit we *deny* control in it

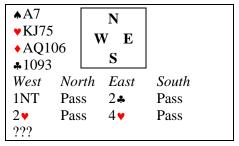
With hearts agreed you can bid 4♦ to show:

- 1) interest in playing in $6 \checkmark$
- 2) no control in spades or clubs therefore control in diamonds and good trump (otherwise how could you be interested in slam?)

When not to cuebid.



This is a good hand, improved by partner's raise, which allows you to add distribution points. **But you cannot have slam interest opposite a. weak response,** so no cuebid, just sign off in 4. A new suit at the 3-level over a weak response is a **game try** suggesting there may be game if partner is maximum



This time you have bid your hand by opening 1NT You are maximum, but partner is in charge He has made no slam try, so you cannot either When you have made a limit bid you can co-operate in a slam try, but not initiate one