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30th October 2010 East-West vulnerable. East deals.

	NORTH ♠ J 9 8 7 4 3 2 ♥ Void ♦ Void ♣ A K 10 8 7 6	
WEST ♠ 5 ♥ A K Q 7 5 2 ♦ 10 6 4 3 ♣ 5 4		EAST ♠ A K Q 6 ♥ J 10 ♦ A K Q 9 7 5 ♣ 2
	SOUTH ♠ 10 ♥ 9 8 6 4 3 ♦ J 8 2 ♣ Q J 9 3	

East	South	West	North
1 Diamond	Pass	1 Heart	2 NT
5 Diamond	5 Spade	Pass	Pass
X	6 Club	Pass	Pass
X	All Pass		

Opening lead: Ace of ♥

Every big tournament has its share of freak hands. However, this deal, from one of the secondary team events at the recent ACBL Summer North American Championships, held in New Orleans, tops any we can recall seeing.

West might have considered raising to six diamonds when his partner could jump to five diamonds without having received any support for his suit and when his partner could have been expecting as few as 6 points. North's two no trump was takeout for the unbid suits, hence South's bid of five spades and correction to six clubs when that was doubled.

Six clubs doubled was made by setting up dummy's spades, scoring 1,090. In the other room East-West scored 1,430, to gain 21 IMPs for their team. And when last did you see an unbeatable slam bid by a side missing A K Q in all three plain suits?

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