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| | NORTH J 4 2 A J A 8 7 3 K 7 6 2 | | |
| WEST 8 5 K Q 6 4 2 J 9 6 Q 10 5 | | EAST Q 10 9 8 7 5 Q 10 5 2 J 4 3 | |
| | SOUTH A K 10 9 7 6 3 3 K 4 A 9 8 | | |
| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
| 1 Spade | Pass | 2 Club | Pass |
| 2 Spade | Pass | 3 Spade | Pass |
| 4 NT | Pass | 5 Heart | Pass |
| 5 NT | Pass | 6 Club | Pass |
| 7 Spade | All Pass | | |

Opening lead: King of

A grand slam is a rare animal. It is seldom a laydown, so declarer usually has to work to get home. This deal is from a team match at the recent ACBL Spring North American Championships in Reno. Sitting South was veteran Michael Cappelletti.

North's two-over-one response was game forcing. After a series of natural bids North's six clubs promised the king and South, who could count 12 tricks, naturally contracted for all 13.

West led the king of hearts, and the play did not take long. Declarer won the opening lead and played off five trump tricks, reducing the hand to this position:

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| | NORTH — J A 8 7 3 K 7 | | |
| WEST — Q J 9 6 Q 10 5 | | EAST — — Q 10 5 2 J 9 4 | |
| | SOUTH 63 K4 A98 | | |

The king and ace of diamonds were cashed and a diamond was ruffed. When declarer now cashed his last trump, West, who had to keep the queen of hearts to guard against North's knave, was forced to let go a club. Declarer ditched dummy's now useless heart and East, who had to cover the table's eight of diamonds, also had to part with a club. South now claimed three club tricks and the slam was home.

A routine double squeeze.

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