

WORDS OF WISDOM

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West Deals.

Both Vulnerable.

N/S: 6♣, 4♦, 3♥, 5♠, 6NT Results: Par +1440

North (11 points)

♠ J
♥ K J 9 4
♦ A 2
♣ Q 10 8 5 3 2

West (7 points)

♠ 8 7
♥ A Q 8 5 3
♦ J 10 8 6 4
♣ 7

East (1 point)

♠ 10 9 6 5 4
♥ 10 7 6
♦ 9 5
♣ J 9 6

South (21 points)

♠ A K Q 3 2
♥ 2
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ A K 4

This was one of the more interesting hands from the recent High Point Sectional (2nd session on Friday).

The board was played 26 times. Seven pairs reached the top spot of 6NT, making 7NT four times, and making 6NT three times. One unlucky pair bid 7NT, unfortunately played by South. They were doubled, down 1. Six clubs was bid 6 times. Only one pair made 7.

Six spades is a higher scoring spot than 6♣. Unlucky spade split results in down one for 2.1 match points.

I found it interesting that in one section all 8 pairs bid the slam. Two pairs played 6NT (by North), 5 pairs played 6♣, and one pair played 6♠. It seems the safest contract is 6♣. Seeing the cards, 6NT can be made. If it were played by South, and the E-W hands were reversed, a heart lead would set it.

Two unfortunate pairs, who shall remain nameless, did not get to game!