

WORDS OF WISDOM

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North Deals. No Side Vulnerable.

Results: Par -1520

EW: 7N, 7♥, 4♠, 3♣, 1♦

North - Dealer (2 points)

♠ J 9
♥ J 8 3
♦ 5 4 3
♣ 10 7 5 4 3

West (17 points)

♠ Q
♥ A K Q 9 7 4 2
♦ 6
♣ A Q 6 2

East (12 points)

♠ A 10 8 7 6 3
♥ 10 5
♦ A 9 7
♣ K J

South (9 points)

♠ K 5 4 2
♥ 6
♦ K Q J 10 8 2
♣ 9 8

In the Open Pairs at the Salisbury Sectional tournament, only two pairs bid the grand slam in hearts, but auction was as follows:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
Pass	1♠	2♦	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	???

Okay, we had all the key cards. Would you routinely sign off in 6♥? Why not check for kings? If you play specific kings, your partner will give you the magic response of 6♣. This shows the K♣ so you can take a chance by bidding 7♥. Although looking at all the hands, you can count 13 tricks in NT, how can you possibly find out about the J♣? Just bidding 7♥ was a tie for top. I was playing with Bill Sutton. The only other pair to bid 7 was Bill's wife Susie, and her partner Art Friday. Great minds!