

WORDS OF WISDOM

... by Bill Wisdom

Dealer: S

Vulnerable: E-W

This hand came up in a recent Charlotte game:

	North	
	♠ 10	
	♥ A K 9 7 6 5 3	
	♦ 10 5	
	♣ J 6 4	
West		East
♠ Q 8 6 5 3		♠ K 7 4
♥ 10		♥ J 8 2
♦ K Q J 8		♦ A 9 7 4 3 2
♣ 9 7 5		♣ 3
	South	
	♠ A J 9 2	
	♥ Q 4	
	♦ 6	
	♣ A K Q 10 8 2	

Sitting South, I opened 1♣. West passed, and my partner bid 1♥. East passed, and I bid 1♠. My partner, Len Case, made a good bid (a little lucky, perhaps). He bid 4♥.

It looked to me like he just needed AKJxxxx, or something similar, to make a slam so I rolled out the “Fowler Slam Try” (named after another of my favorite partners). He showed two key cards without the Queen. What more did I need?

Amazingly, only two pairs bid the slam. 4♥ was played five times, 3NT once, and 3♣ once!!