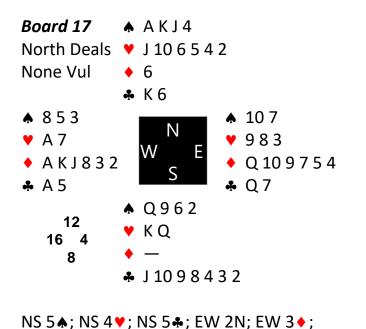
Memphis TN NABC IMP Pairs - Qualifying Round



Par +450

West North East South

MEERSCHAERT Langer COLLINS Riehs

1♥ Pass 1NT¹

3♦

3NT All pass

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1. Forcing

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Paul says:

On the first hand I saw the bidding go 1♥ by LHO, and a 1NT forcing by RHO; I bid 2♦ and saw a 2♥ rebid by LHO. After partner raised diamonds RHO competed to 3♥. Who can make what? I bid 3NT - it looks like I have 8 sure tricks and truthfully i would rather play this than 4 or 5 diamonds!

If the defense is careful I can be held to my 8 sure tricks, but sometimes when you run your long suit accidents happen.

LHO cashes a high spade, then switches to a heart. Hoping to endplay LHO to either bare the club King or get endplayed, I run my diamonds. Long story short they pitched too many

spades and my ♠8 became my 9th trick. If they can guess the clubs they can make 5 of a major!

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[ED: This hand resulted in an IMP swing of +11.57, the largest of the second qualifying session for Paul and Dave. Played 12 other times, the results were 5 • W 7 times, all down 1 or 2, 5 • S making, 5 • N making, and 6 • X E, off 3.]