

## Memphis TN NABC IMP Pairs - Qualifying Round

**Board 17**    ♠ A K J 4  
 North Deals    ♥ J 10 6 5 4 2  
 None Vul      ♦ 6  
                  ♣ K 6

♠ 8 5 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             N W      E S           </div>	♠ 10 7
♥ A 7		♥ 9 8 3
♦ A K J 8 3 2		♦ Q 10 9 7 5 4
♣ A 5		♣ Q 7

  

	♠ Q 9 6 2
	♥ K Q
	♦ —
	♣ J 10 9 8 4 3 2

  

12	
16	4
8	

*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!

NS 5♠; NS 4♥; NS 5♣; EW 2N; EW 3♦;  
 Par +450

West	North	East	South
MEERSCHAERT	Langer	COLLINS	Riehs
	1♥	Pass	1NT <sup>1</sup>
2♦	2♥	3♦	3♥
3NT	All pass		
1. Forcing			

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!

*[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.]*