

Presentation for Wednesday 23rd May

Hand 14 from Tues/Wed 8/9th May

♠ K 10 6 5

♥ 8 6

♦ J 10 8

♣ J 8 4 2

Dealer E

Vul None

♠ A Q J

♥ A 10 5 3 2

♦ A 4 3

♣ A K

♠ 3

♥ K Q 9 7 4

♦ K 6 2

♣ 9 6 5 3

♠ 9 8 7 4 2

♥ J

♦ Q 9 7 5

♣ Q 10 7

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Actual Results for this hand

Wednesday -Board 14 - Love all							
NS	EW	Contract	By	NS	EW	MPs	
7	7	6H+1	W		1010	0	12
6	5	5H+1	E		480	9	3
5	3	4H+3	W		510	5	7
4	1	4H+3	E		510	5	7
3	6	4H+2	W		480	9	3
2	4	3NT+4	W		520	2	10
1	2	3NT+2	W		460	12	0

Tuesday - Board 14 - Love all							
NS	EW	Contract	By	NS	EW	MPs	
4	3	4H+3	W		510	6	8
3	1	4H+2	W		480	10	4
2	7	6H=	W		980	4	10
1	5	6H+1	E		1010	1	13
7	2	4H+2	W		480	10	4
6	8	6H+1	W		1010	1	13
5	6	4H+2	W		480	10	4
8	4	4NT+1	E		460	14	0

Pairs had difficulty finding the Slam on this hand.

I witnessed the first part of this auction for the Wednesday pair that found the Slam.

North	East	South	West
	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦(1)	Pass	4♥(2)
Pass	4NT(3)	Pass	5♣(4)
Pass	6♥(5)		

- 1) Transfer to Hearts
- 2) We have at least 10 Hearts. Should make GAME even if partner is weak
- 3) We have a good trump fit. I have a 7-loser and I'm going to plan on partner have a 5-loser. Prudent to test out partner's controls first so Blackwood
- 4) None or all 4 Aces
- 5) All top controls plus other values and good shape. SLAM should be odds-on

The auction employs two principles of hand evaluation that enabled East to blitz the Slam:

- Firstly, West recognises that East must have at least five Hearts and some beneficial shape. Therefore with max HCP, even if partner has low HCPs, surely at least 10 tricks are on the cards. To avoid East passing a part score West must go straight to the Game.
- Secondly, West is now sure of a good trump fit and the LTC is favourable too. Partner would not have bid at the four-level without high expectations because my East hand could be just shape only for my transfer bid and West knows that. With my good HCPs and good shape this is therefore worth a Slam try.