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- with a regular hand 5332
- 15-17HCP
- with honours spread in all suits

presents numerous advantages.

S	W	N	E
		Pass	Pass
1 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

K	7	3	J	8	7	6	3	A	K	A	8	4
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E27145 With 15HCP, a 'poor' 5 cards suit in ♥, a 'regular' distribution 5332 and disseminated honors , Open 1NT.



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Advantages and drawbacks of opening 1NT with a 5 card Major

Advantages:

- It makes it more difficult for opponents to intervene
- More likely for strong hand to play contract thanks to transfers
- Facilitates further biddings & developments
- reduces rebid problems which are frequent after a 1 Heart or 1 or 1 Spade opening

The main drawback is the risk of failing to find the 5-3 Major fit et même 4-4 when the responder does not use the Stayman (less than 8HCP or 4333 distribution)
