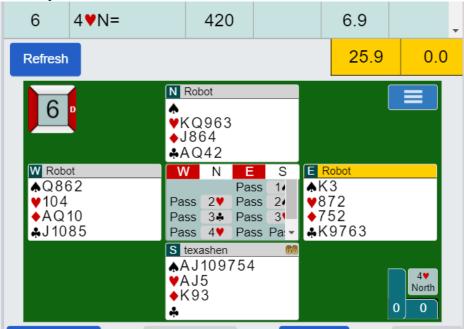
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When you have a decent 7 card major you *almost* always play in it. Don't pull trump when you need them to ruff with.



S 1S

N 2H (Forcing to game with 5+ hearts)

S 2S (No need to jump in a game forcing auction)

N 3C

S 3H (The club bid is not what I wanted to hear. I don't want North to have values opposite my void. I've already bid spades twice, and I know we have at least an 8 card heart fit. Plus I have 2 heart honors.)

N 4H (No slam interest. With slam interest, North would bid 4C showing the club control.)

East leads the 2 of diamonds.

6	 N Robot ♦ ♦ KQ963 ♦ J86 ♣ AQ42 	
W Robot ♠Q862 ♥104 ♠A10 ♣J1085	 ◆4 ◆Q ◆2 ◆3 	 ■ Robot ▲K3 ♥872 ◆75 ♣K9763
	S texashen 68 ▲AJ109754 ♥AJ5 ◆K9 ♣	4♥ North 0 1

I duck the King as a good defender rarely underleads an ace on the opening lead. Later on in the deal, underleading aces is sometimes a good idea.

West wins the Queen.

- I take:
- 1 spade
- 5 hearts
- 2 club ruffs
- 2 diamonds
- 10 total tricks making