## For a future Newsletter and Corner

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Why preempts are not made with good hands.
This was played in a free tournament where I have a different partner for each hand.


E 4S (This should show 8+ spades and 5-9 points. Not what this hand has. This is a 4 loser hand. If I can cover 3 of those losers we should be in slam. Second position is the position that calls for the most disciplined preempts, as you are preempting 2 people and one is your partner.

This bid would not have been too bad in third or fourth positions when I had already passed, as the likelihood of me covering 3 losers is not as good as when I haven't passed.

Some would open this 2 C , but l'd open it 1 S . One suited hands no matter how strong should rarely be opened 2 C . If they are and the opponents interfere with your auction and partner doubles for penalty, you have no idea as whether to pull it. Your only sure trick on defense is the ace of clubs. Partner will expect better defense than that if you open 2C.)

W Pass (I think we're losing the Ace of clubs, and probably a spade and maybe a diamond)
When declarer guessed correctly to drop the King of spades, it was a lay down for 7S.
The proper contract is 6 S as you don't risk a small slam for a grand slam without at least a $70 \%$ chance of success.
I did OK but this board stopped me from doing better.

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| All Play |  |  |
| Name | Score (\%) |  |
| bassoonist | 73.25 | 1 |
| igneada | 71.05 | 2 |
| icom_wj | $\underline{69.30}$ | 3 |
| adoptadog | $\underline{68.86}$ | 4 |
| thebesssst | $\underline{67.54}$ | 5 |
| Hmt | 67.11 | 6 |
| texashen | 66.67 | 7 |

