

For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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Bidding and making Notrump with a singleton King.

Board	Result	We	They	We	They
6	3NTS+1	430		8.7	
7	6♥S=	1430		7.4	
8	2♠S+1	140		1.4	
9	2♠E-1	100			0.1
10	4♠S+1	650		0.9	

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N Robot
 ♠ J65
 ♥ 5432
 ♦ Q1075
 ♣ Q9

W Robot
 ♠ AQ10874
 ♥ 107
 ♦ K632
 ♣ 4

E Robot
 ♠ 932
 ♥ QJ98
 ♦ J4
 ♣ 10875

S texashen
 ♠ K
 ♥ AK6
 ♦ A98
 ♣ AKJ632

3NT South
0 0

W	N	E	S
		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2N
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pa

S 2C (22 hcp, 3 aces and a strong 6 card suit)

N 2D (waiting)

S 2NT (I could bid 3C describing my distribution, but making 9 tricks in notrump is usually easier than making 11 tricks in clubs. Bidding notrump with a stiff king is just a minor inconvenience to me. It's unlikely that West will lead out the unsupported ace of spades - if West has it. Maybe partner will have a half stop in spades.)

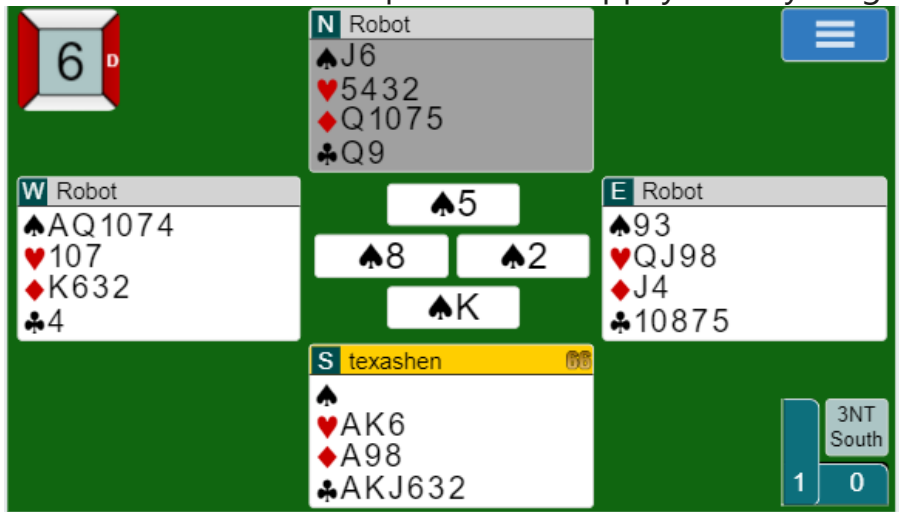
N 3C (Stayman)

S 3D (no 4+ card major)

N 3NT

Passed out.

West leads its 4th best spade and I happily win my King.



Like a good partner. North has a half stop in spades. The contract is unbeatable with any lead

I take:

1 spade

2 hearts

1 diamond

6 clubs

10 total tricks

The fortunate diamond position allows 5C to make. Cash the ace, low to the Queen, West wins the King. Later the Jack falls under the Queen and the 4th diamond in North is good. That is an awfully lucky layout.

