

For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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When holding a 3 loser hand, especially at IMPS, drive to game.

7	4♥S=	620		6.7	
8	3NTS+1	430		5	
9	4♥N=	420		1.9	
10	1NTN=	90		2	
11	4♥S=	420		1.5	

		41.8	0.0
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The screenshot shows a bridge hand interface. The hand is held by South (S), labeled 'texashen'. The hand is: ♠AK1085, ♥AKQ1092, ♦9, ♣10. The bidding sequence is shown in the center: West (W) passes, North (N) bids 1NT, East (E) passes, South (S) bids 2♣, West (W) passes, North (N) bids 3♣, East (E) passes, South (S) bids 4♥, West (W) passes, North (N) passes, East (E) passes, South (S) passes. The interface also shows the hands of the other players: North (Robot) has ♠7, ♥73, ♦J108, ♣KQJ7642; West (Robot) has ♠J642, ♥864, ♦A764, ♣98; East (Robot) has ♠Q93, ♥J5, ♦KQ532, ♣A53. A score of 41.8 and 0.0 is shown at the top right.

W	N	E	S
			1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass

S 1H (This is a 3 loser hand: 1 spade, 1 diamond and 1 club. I am definitely going to game but I don't know if it will be hearts or spades. Even though this is a powerful hand it only has 16 hcp. I don't open 2C with 16 hcp. Since I'm so distributional there is little chance that it will be passed out at 1H.)

N 1NT (North would need an opener/near opener to bid on the 2 level playing 2 over 1. So, 1NT forcing is the only choice North has. It does not promise anything but 6

points and less than 4 spades, and usually less than 3 hearts)

S 2S (This hand is strong enough to reverse. Forcing for 1 round)

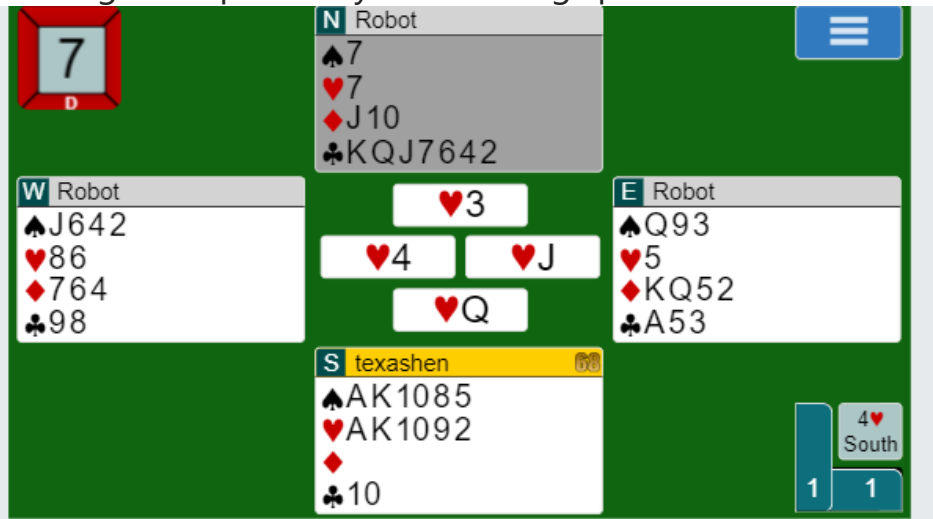
N 3C

S 3S (Giving North the choice between game in hearts or spades, showing at least: 5 spades and 6 hearts)

N 4H (Easy choice.)

Passed out.

West leads the Ace of diamonds and then correctly switches to the 4 of hearts - looking to stop dummy from ruffing spades.



That stops me from ruffing 2 spades. But I still get to ruff 1 spade. So, all I lose are: 1 spade and the 2 minor suit aces. Making 4.

If I pull trump immediately, I will lose 2 spades in addition to the 2 minor suit aces as I can never reach dummy.