

For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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When you know you have a 10 card trump suit and partner asks if you have the Queen of trumps. Say that you have it even if you don't. You are a heavy favorite of dropping the Queen. If both defenders follow in the first round, which they will 78% of the time, then if the Queen hasn't fallen in the first round of trump, it is now ready to fall in the second round. If the trumps do go 3-0, you may still be able to finesse for the Queen.

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N 1S

S 2NT (Jacoby 2NT, showing an opener with 4+ spades. Usually Jacoby 2NT shows a balanced hand, and I would splinter with the singleton club, however, this hand is too strong to splinter with. Jacoby 2NT is used for distributional hands that are too strong to splinter with.)

N 3D (A singleton or void in diamonds. Part of the Jacoby 2NT system.)

S 3H (Q bidding the ace of hearts)

N 4NT (3014 keycard)

S 5C (3 or 0 keycards, in this case I have 3 - my 3 aces)

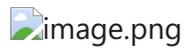
N 5D (This is the Queen ask, the suit right above my key card answer. This bid does not promise all the key cards, 5NT would.)

S 5NT (5H would mean I have the King of hearts and the Queen of spades, 5S would mean I don't have the Queen of spades, 5NT means I have the Queen of spades but I don't have the King of hearts. Even though I don't have the Queen of spades, I answer that I do as I expect the Queen to drop since we have a 10+ card spade fit)

N 6S

Passed out.

East led the 3 of clubs.



West returned the 2 of spades.



Making 6 as all I lose is the ace of clubs.

Not much to the play. Below shows the play if interested.

<https://tinyurl.com/2jleulbq>