

For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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Don't think about a suit in isolation. Think about it as part of playing the whole hand.

Take all your chances.

Board	Result	We	They	We	They
4	6♥S=	1430		8.6	
5	4♠S=	620		3.1	
6	1NTS+1	120		3.6	
7	2♠N+1	140		0.7	
8	3♥N-3		150	0.3	
				42.3	1.1

W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣

S 2C (21 hcp + 1 for the good 5 card heart suit + 1 for the 3 aces {Bergen} + 1/2 for the AQ combination in diamonds = 23 1/2 points)

N 2D (waiting)

S 2H

N 3H (3+ heart support, since the bust bid wasn't used, this is forcing to game and setting hearts as trump)

S 4H (I have my 2C bid but not much extra)

N 4NT (5 nice hearts and the ace of clubs, looking for slam, Roman Key Card: 3014)

S 5D (1 or 4, in this case 4: 3 aces and the King of hearts)

N 5NT (Asking for specific kings and guaranteeing all the key cards)

S 6C (King of clubs, Kings are shown up the line. Even if I had the King of diamonds, I would bid 6C)

N 6H

Passed out.

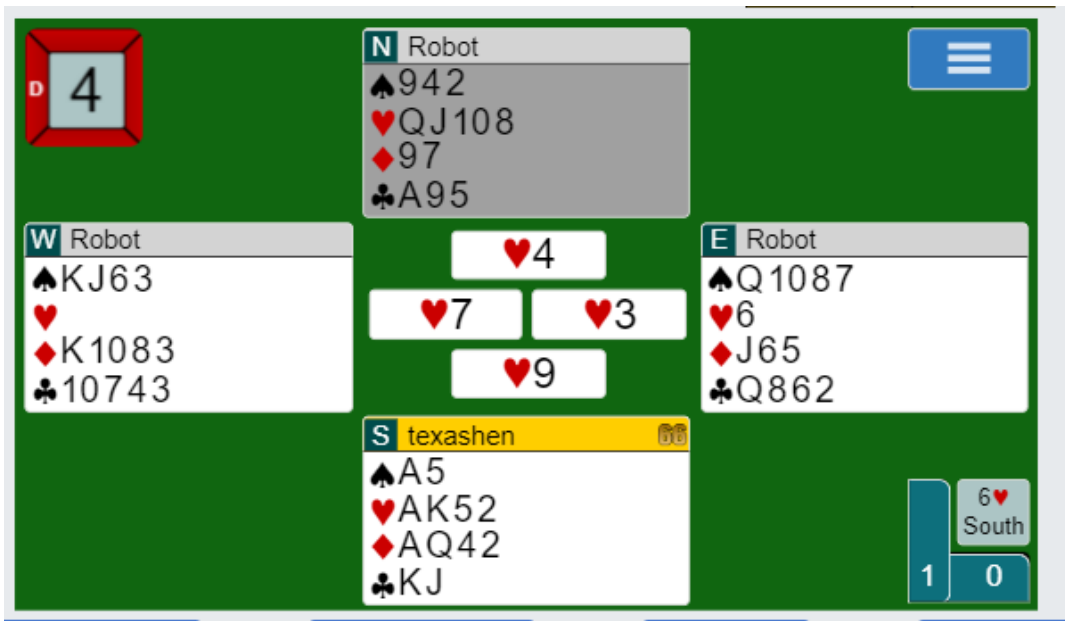
I have a potential spade loser and a potential diamond loser.

Course if the diamond finesse works, the diamond loser disappears and the slam is made.

My other chance is to take the club finesse (and risk a club loser), If it wins however, I can pitch my losing spade on the ace of clubs.

I take the diamond finesse first, it fails. Then I take the club finesse, it works, I then pitch my losing spade on the ace of clubs as I planned.

This was about a 75% slam as I needed one of 2 finesses to work, Course if the defense led a club or a diamond, I'm home. They led the 7 of hearts.



Below is the play.

<https://tinyurl.com/2zpg3a6x>