

For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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The exception to opening 2C with a one suited hand.

Board	Result	We	They	We	They
8	6♠S=	980			
9	4♠S+2	480			
10	2NTS+2	180			
11	3♠S=	140			
12	4♠N+2	680			

Board 8

N Robot
 ♠ J87
 ♥ A742
 ♦ 106
 ♣ J1072

W Robot
 ♠ Q
 ♥ QJ1065
 ♦ KJ942
 ♣ 43

E Robot
 ♠ 95
 ♥ 93
 ♦ Q873
 ♣ A9865

S texashen
 ♠ AK106432
 ♥ K8
 ♦ A5
 ♣ KQ

Bidding:
 W: Pass, N: 2♦, E: Pass, S: 2♣
 W: Pass, N: 3♠, E: Pass, S: 4♣
 W: Pass, N: 5♥, E: Pass, S: 6♣
 W: Pass, N: Pass, E: Pass, S: Pass

6♠ South
 0 0

W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣

S 2C (It is usually incorrect to open 2C with a one suited hand because if the opponents interfere {which they often do on distributional deals} and partner doubles for penalty, you don't know whether to leave the double in or to pull it. Partner expects nice defensive values from you when you open 2C. Maybe partner needs those defensive values from you for the penalty double - and maybe not.)

Here, even though I have a one suited hand, I have nice defense against any contract partner chooses to double. I only have 19 hcp, but they're prime - aces and kings. My only queen is with a king which strengthens it. It's a 4 loser hand, 1 loser in each suit.)

N 2D Waiting

S 2S

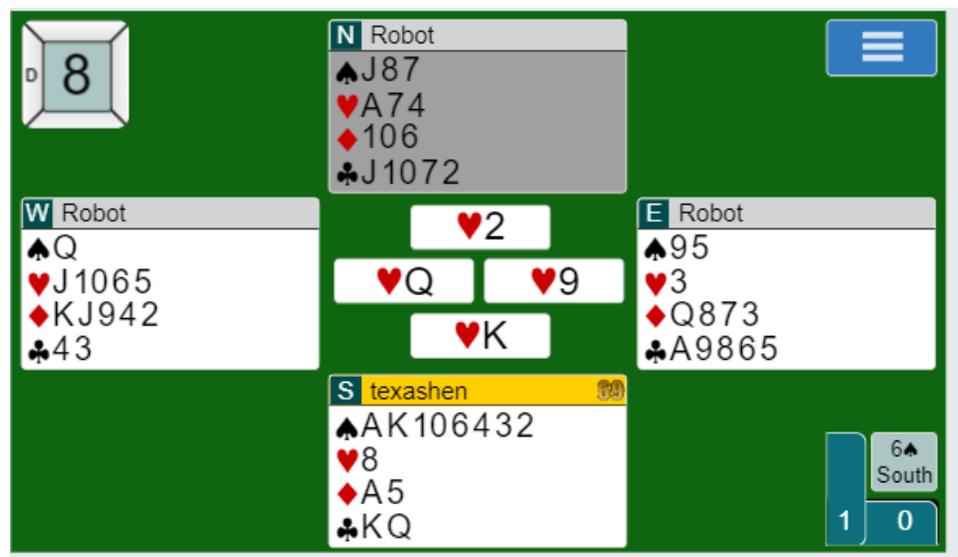
N 3S

S 4S

N 5H (Q bidding the Ace of Hearts and denying the ace of clubs and ace of diamonds)

S 6S (I know I will lose the ace of clubs, but no loser in hearts or spades {partner supported spades}, no second loser in clubs, I just need a parking place for my low diamond to make slam. A bit of a risk, but I think that I will make it most of the time.)

West leads the Queen of hearts and I'm home.



I pull trump in 2 rounds. And play the King of clubs. Doesn't matter if East wins the first or second club trick. I win the diamond return. Cash a club (if East took the ace on the first club lead). Cross to dummy, pitch my losing diamond on a high club and claim.

Yes, perfect defense will set me. If West leads a diamond, that would set up a diamond trick for the defense when East gets in with the Ace of clubs. The Queen of hearts (top of a sequence) is the natural lead that almost all of us would make. Maybe West should have thought to lead a diamond, knowing North had the ace of hearts and I likely had the King for my 2C opener. Leading from a KJ is a dangerous lead. It only works when partner has the Queen.