

For a future LSBC Newsletter and a corner

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When 3NT is one of the choices it is often the right choice. Bob Hamman said that.

As you can see from this group of hands, I play notrump a lot - especially 3NT.

Board	Result	We	They	We	They
5	3NTS+1	630		6.6	
6	3NTS+1	430		1.7	
7	1NTS+2	150		1.1	
8	3NTS=	400		7.4	
9	3NTS=	400		6.8	

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D 5	N Robot ♠32 ♥A10874 ♦AQJ ♣Q62	E Robot ♠K7 ♥632 ♦5 ♣AJ109543
W Robot ♠J1098654 ♥KJ9 ♦1032 ♣	W N E S 1♥ 3♣ 3NT Pass Pass Pass	S texashen ♠AQ ♥Q5 ♦K98764 ♣K87

3NT South
0 0

N 1H

E 3C

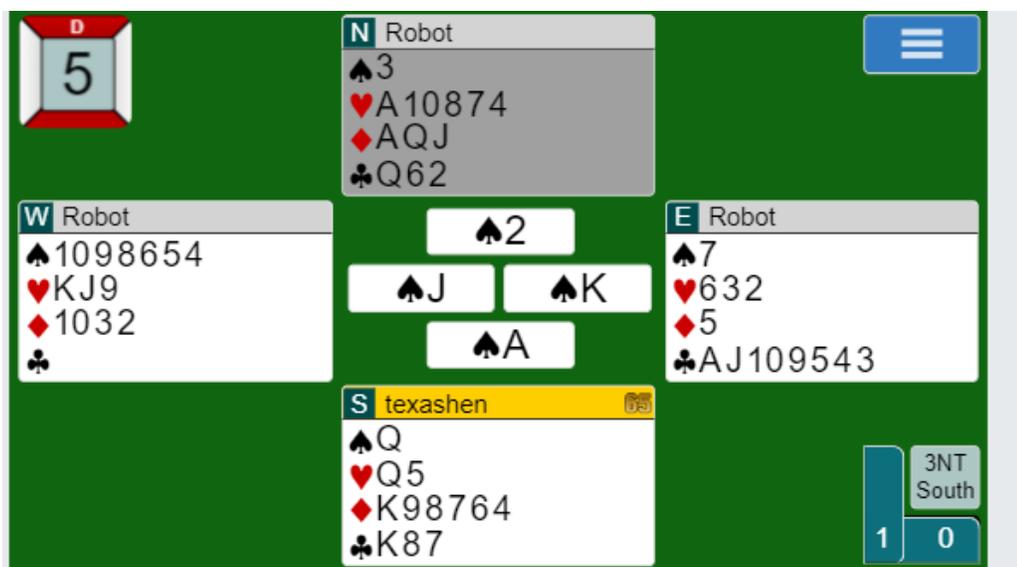
S 3NT (I have a club stopper and 14 hcp opposite an opener, I'm definitely going to game. Preempts are effective, they take up a lot of bidding room and make you guess.

I could bid 4H and hope we can take 10 tricks in a likely 7 card trump suit. Maybe my diamonds will set up, after trumps are pulled. Possible.

I could bid 4D, I have 6 of them. Maybe diamonds are the right strain. Minor suit games are usually incorrect when notrump is an option.

So, 3NT it is.)

I get the favorable lead of the Jack of spades as West is void in clubs.



The play is unremarkable. I take:
 2 spades
 1 heart
 6 diamonds
 1 club
 10 total tricks - making an overtrick

Here is the play: <https://tinyurl.com/276vfsy6>