

For a Future LSBC Unit Newsletter and a Corner

Jeff Kroll <texas.blue.hen@gmail.com>

Mon 8/15/2022 10:49 AM

To: Julia Gibson <reggibson@comcast.net>

Cc: Ron Francey <revronfrancey@hotmail.com>

Don't pull trump when you need the trumps in the short trump hand to trump losers that cannot otherwise be gotten rid of.

11	4♠S=	420	9.9
12	2♣S+2	130	1.9

41.4	4.2
------	-----

The screenshot shows a bridge hand interface with the following details:

- North (Robot):** ♠963, ♥A10, ♦AK108, ♣10854
- West (Robot):** ♠10742, ♥K962, ♦64, ♣KJ7
- East (Robot):** ♠A, ♥J54, ♦J9532, ♣Q963
- South (texasashen):** ♠KQJ85, ♥Q873, ♦Q7, ♣A2
- Bidding:**
 - West: Pass
 - North: 1NT
 - East: Pass
 - South: 2♥
 - West: Pass
 - North: 3♠
 - East: Pass
 - South: 4♠
 - West: Pass
 - North: Pass
 - East: Pass
 - South: Pass
- Score:** 4♠ South, 0-0

S 1S

N 1NT (Forcing, too strong for 2S, too weak to force to game.)

S 2H (North did not deny having 4 hearts)

N 3S (Invitational, 3 spades and about 11 dummy points)

S 4S (14 hcp and a good spade suit)

West leads the 6 of diamonds and I win the Queen in my hand.

11	4♠S=	420	9.9
12	2♣S+2	130	1.9
		41.4	4.2

Hand 11

N Robot
 ♠963
 ♥A10
 ♦AK108
 ♣10854

W Robot
 ♠10742
 ♥K962
 ♦64
 ♣KJ7

E Robot
 ♠A
 ♥J54
 ♦J9532
 ♣Q963

S texashen
 ♠KQJ85
 ♥Q873
 ♦Q7
 ♣A2

Bidding:
 W: Pass, N: 1NT, E: Pass, S: 2♥
 W: Pass, N: 3♠, E: Pass, S: 4♠
 W: Pass, N: Pass, E: Pass, S: Pass

Score: 4♠ South, 0-0

My best bet to make this contract is to ruff those losing hearts in my hand,

I play a heart to the Ace and a heart back to the Queen. Which loses to the King. As Thomas Rush advises. that's a good thing as if the King was in front of the King, it would be too easy and everyone would make this normal contract.

Hand 11

N Robot
 ♠963
 ♥
 ♦AK8
 ♣10854

W Robot
 ♠10742
 ♥96
 ♦4
 ♣KJ7

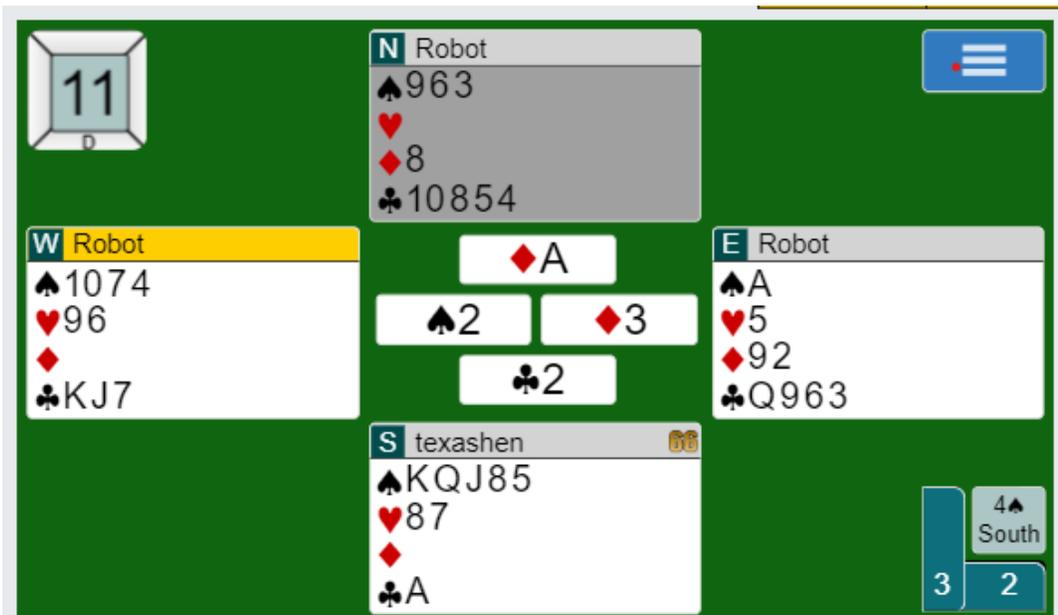
E Robot
 ♠A
 ♥5
 ♦9532
 ♣Q963

S texashen
 ♠KQJ85
 ♥87
 ♦7
 ♣A2

Play:
 ♥10 (Dummy), ♥K (Hand), ♥J (Dummy), ♥Q (Hand)

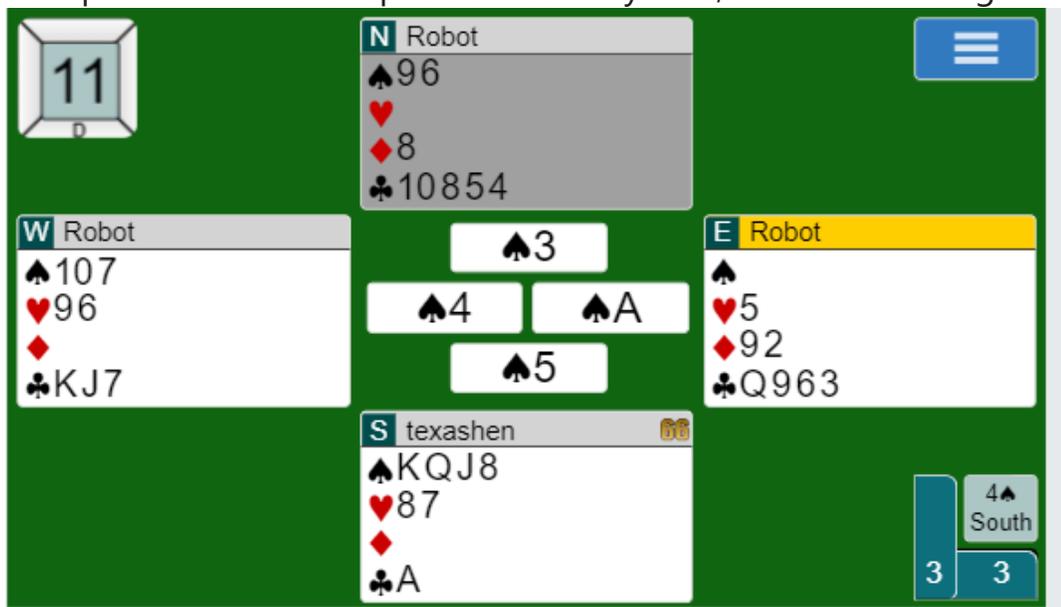
Score: 4♠ South, 2-1

West plays the 4 of diamonds. High/Low making it look like West has a doubleton Diamond. I win the Ace, and try to cash the King - even though I think west will ruff. I will have to try that at some point, as ruffing hearts is my only entry to the dummy now.

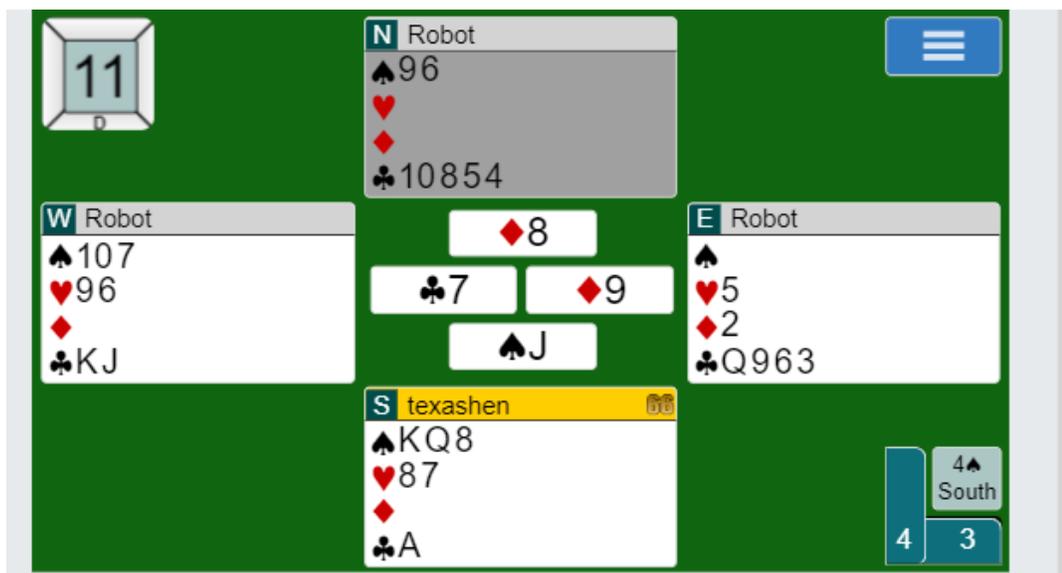


I pitch my losing club, and of course West ruffs.

West now makes the nice play of a trump. East wins the ace, but does not have a trump to take another spade off dummy. OK, that time I was glad to be lucky.



East returns a diamond. I ruff high.



Now it's over, I ruff a heart in dummy, come back to my hand with the ace of clubs, and ruff the second heart.

Only one to make it. Most were down one, and some managed to go down 2 or 3.