

For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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Making the contract when the opening lead is from an unsupported ace.

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S 2C (23 hcp, 3 aces worth another point, good 5 card spade suit worth another point = 25. Close between opening 2C and 3NT {25-27 points). I chose 2C as I might be able to make an extra trick in a major suit contract. At IMPS (team games), I would open this hand 3NT, as it might be easier to make 9 tricks than 10 and I want to protect my King of clubs from a potential opening club lead through it. The extra trick in IMPS is not overly important.)

N 2D (waiting)

S 2S

N 3C (no ace or king, a weak hand)

S 3H (Looking for a potential heart fit)

N 4S (3 spades and maybe a ruffing trick)

Passed out.

West leads the Ace of clubs. A poor lead for the defense. This makes my King of clubs good and gives me a chance to make my contract.

2♦

N Robot
♠975
♥65
♦108764
♣95

W Robot
♠J
♥7432
♦J92
♣QJ86

E Robot
♠10832
♥QJ10
♦KQ3
♣73

S texashen
♠AKQ64
♥AK98
♦A5
♣K

♣4
♣A ♣2
♣10

4♠ South
0 1

The 9 of diamonds is led to my ace.

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♥65
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♣95

W Robot
♠J
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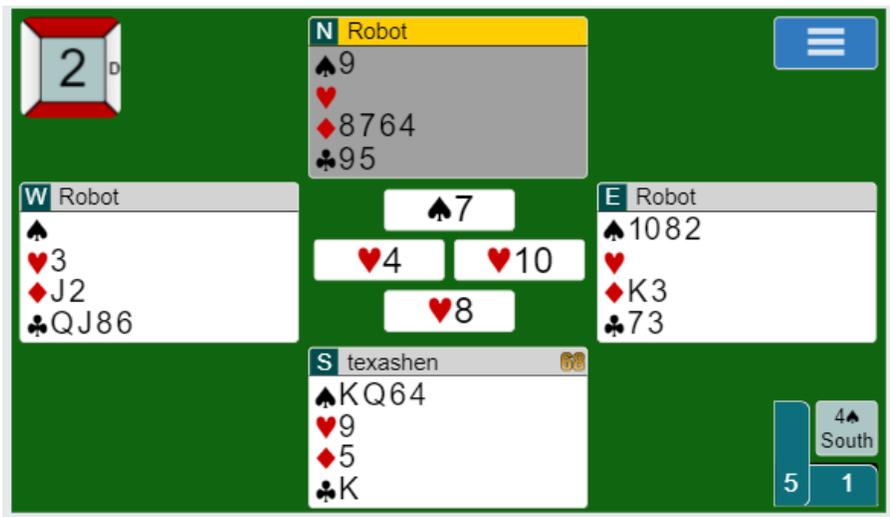
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♠AKQ64
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♦10
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♦A

4♠ South
1 1

I can afford to play one round of spades. So, I cash my A of spades. Then play the AK of hearts and ruff a heart,



When the 10 of hearts comes down, my 9 is now good. I still have to lose a diamond and a spade. But then my hand is good making 4S.