

For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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Singleton Kings are just a minor inconvenience when bidding notrump.

4	6♥S=	1430	9.4
5	3NTW=	400	0.8
6	3♦S-1	50	0.1
7	3NTS=	600	1.2
8	2♠E-1	50	4.5

38.4	0.0
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W	N	E	S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

S 2C (22 hcp and a nice 5 card suit)

N 2D (waiting)

S 2NT (22-24 hcp and 2+ cards in all 4 suits. The perfect can't be the enemy of the good. The King of diamonds is typically as good as 2 small, and 3C might be a problem. If partner bids 3H or 3NT over 3C, the contract will be played from the wrong side. If partner bids 3S over 3C, we would then bid 3NT and give the defense more information.)

N 3C (Stayman)

S 3H (4+ hearts)

N 3S (Forcing heart raise. 8-12 points. Alertable. Don't make this bid without discussing it with partner)

S 4H (not much extra)

N 4NT (Roman key card)

S 5C (3, my 2 aces and the King of hearts)

N 5D (Queen of trump ask)

S 5S (Queen of hearts and King of spades. Would bid 5NT without the King of spades)

N 6H

Nothing to the play. The only trick I lose is the King of clubs. Wouldn't lose that if the King was onside. Grand slams should not be bid when they rely on a finesse.