

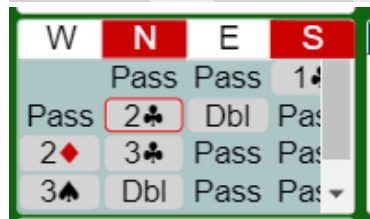
For a Future LSBC and Unit Newsletter and Corner

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When your bidding has given a reasonable description of your hand and partner makes a penalty double, leave it in - even though it makes you uncomfortable.



S 1C (Not the greatest opener. No aces. 12 hcp, including 2 doubleton Kings. Would be a stretch to say this hand has 2 quick tricks. It is a reasonable opener in 3rd seat where the requirements for opening are relaxed. Pretty decent club suit.)

N 2C (4+ clubs & 10-11 points since we are playing inverted minors and North has previously passed.)

E DBL (Take out, 11 hcp)

S Pass (After opening this, I don't want to show any additional values since I don't have any)

W 2D

N 3C

E P

S P (Can't pass fast enough)

W 3S (A peculiar bid showing that poor spade suit on the 3 level when partner is a passed hand. If partner liked diamonds better than spades, now East would have to bid 4D - a high level for 2 passed hands. West gets "lucky" catching East with 4 spades.)

N DBL (penalty, 3 spades, 5+ clubs and 10-11 points)

S Pass (hoping North knows what it's doing. If partner was interested in further competing in clubs North

should either bid 4C or pass letting me decide.)

We take:

2 spades

1 spade ruff (declarer can't pull trump fast enough to prevent a heart ruff)

1 heart

1 diamond (when declarer can't use hearts as an entry to take the diamond finesse and pull trump at the same time)

1 club

6 tricks, down 2 doubled

The play:

Hand 1:

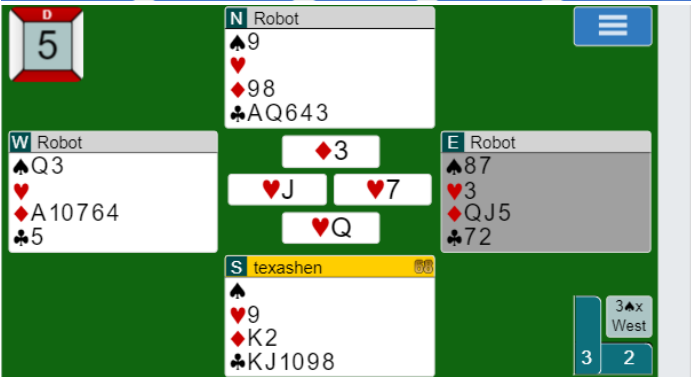
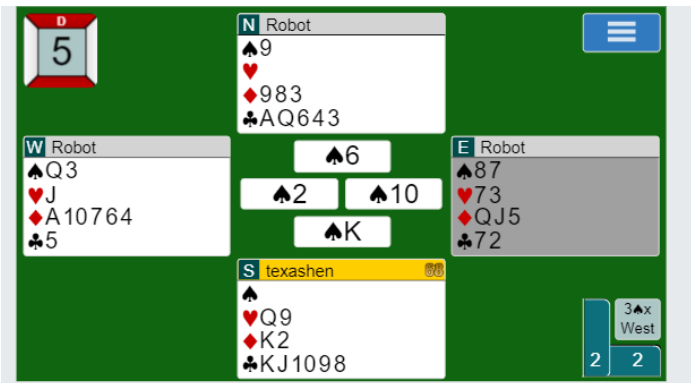
- Contract:** 5♥
- Declarer (N):** Robot. ♠A96, ♥5, ♦983, ♣AQ643
- Dummy (W):** Robot. ♠Q432, ♥J10, ♦A10764, ♣5
- Partner (S):** texashen. ♠K5, ♥Q96, ♦K2, ♣KJ1098
- Opponent (E):** Robot. ♠J1087, ♥K73, ♦QJ5, ♣72
- Play:** ♥8, ♥4, ♥A, ♥2
- Score:** 0-1 (3x West)

Hand 2:

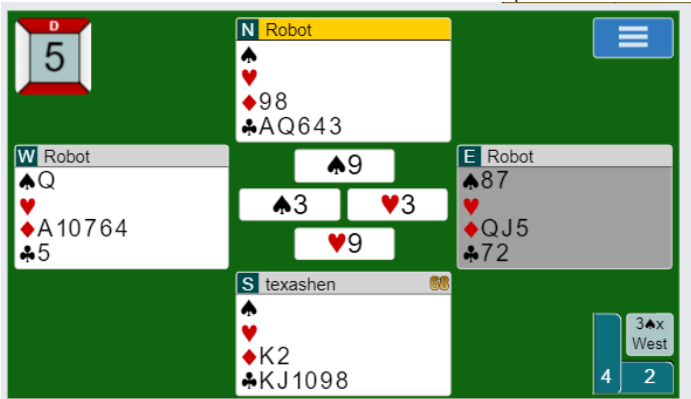
- Contract:** 5♥
- Declarer (N):** Robot. ♠96, ♥5, ♦983, ♣AQ643
- Dummy (W):** Robot. ♠Q32, ♥J10, ♦A10764, ♣5
- Partner (S):** texashen. ♠K, ♥Q96, ♦K2, ♣KJ1098
- Opponent (E):** Robot. ♠1087, ♥K73, ♦QJ5, ♣72
- Play:** ♠A, ♠4, ♠J, ♠5
- Score:** 1-1 (3x West)

Hand 3:

- Contract:** 5♥
- Declarer (N):** Robot. ♠96, ♥5, ♦983, ♣AQ643
- Dummy (W):** Robot. ♠Q32, ♥J, ♦A10764, ♣5
- Partner (S):** texashen. ♠K, ♥Q9, ♦K2, ♣KJ1098
- Opponent (E):** Robot. ♠1087, ♥73, ♦QJ5, ♣72
- Play:** ♥5, ♥10, ♥K, ♥6
- Score:** 1-2 (3x West)



Now I lead the 9 of hearts, And West loses the 9 of spades,



Ruffing with the 3 is a foolish play. It works if South has the last outstanding spade, but North promised 3 spades from the bidding. So, North must have the 9 of spades. It's good to remember the bidding when you declare.

Now West has no way to take the diamond finesse. So, the defense gets a club and a diamond to come to 6 tricks.