

For a Future LSBC Newsletter and Corner

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Marty Bergen says voids are magical and to add a point with 3 aces. It's less risky to be aggressive when you're not vulnerable, Doubling your opponent into the game bonus is risky at IMPS. Course doubling the opponent into a vulnerable game is even riskier at IMPS for both pairs.

Board	Result	We	They	We	They
1	3♠Sx=	530		11.1	
2					
3					
4					
5					

Refresh
11.1
0.0

1

N Robot				
♠K85				
♥742				
♦9764				
♣1072				
W Robot	N	E	S	E Robot
♠9	Pass	Pass	1♠	♠Q1073
♥KQ86	2♦	Pass	3♦	♥J9
♦QJ10832	Pass	3♠	Dbf	♦AK5
♣KQ	Pass	Pass	Pass	♣8654
S texashen				
♠AJ642				
♥A1053				
♦				
♣AJ93				

3♠x
South

0
0

S 1S

W 2D

N P

E 3D

S DBL (I have 3 aces, good intermediates, 4+ cards in the 2 unbid suits and a void in the opponents' suit, And I'm not vulnerable. Easy take out double.)

N 3S (Known 5-3 spade fit)

W DBL (Looks like a better double at first glance than it is in reality. The bidding shows I'm short in diamonds. Counting diamond tricks against the spade contract is dangerous. 4 spades to the Q 10 looks like a couple of spade tricks, but the spades are behind the Q 10 and the double alerts me to the

bad spade break. At matchpoints it's a speculative double, At IMPS it's not worth doubling me into game on.)

The play is unremarkable. The defense takes 1 trump, 2 hearts and 1 club. Making 3 doubled for 11,1 IMPS.

The last deal from this game. They double me into game again. This time I'm vulnerable so it's riskier for both of us.

12	3♠Sx=	730	12.9	44.9	3.0
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12	N Robot	♠A9 ♥10973 ♦93 ♣J9763			
	W Robot	W	N	E	S
♠4 ♥AKJ8654 ♦106 ♣AQ8	1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	
	3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠	
	Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass	
	Pass	Pass			
	E Robot	♠J753 ♥2 ♦KJ52 ♣10542			
	S texashen	♠KQ10862 ♥Q ♦AQ874 ♣K			

3♠x South
0 0

W 1H

N P

E 1S

S P (2S at this point would be a Q bid showing 5+ cards in both minors)

W 3H (6+ hearts and 17- 20 points)

N P

E P (a weak hand with 4 spades)

S 3S (East's spades are in front of me and I suspect it's a weak 4 card suit. I have a great playing hand, a 4 loser hand in theory. In any case I have a great chance at making 3S)

W P

N P

E DBL (Looks like a terrible bid to me. A questionable diamond trick and a questionable spade trick. It's a speculative double at Matchpoints, but this is IMPS and East just doubled me into a vulnerable

game.)

When dummy contributes the King of spades and the diamond finesse works, Again the play is unremarkable, The defense takes:

1 spade

1 heart

1 diamond

1 club

Making 3 doubled and vulnerable for 12.9 IMPS.