

Roger Melaas Wednesday Afternoon Pairs

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Vul: E-W

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12

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♥ 4
♦ —
♣ J 7 5 3

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W	N	E	S
			2♣
2NT	3♠	P	4♥
P	P	P	

Playing std. count & attitude
On your lead of the CA partner
plays the C6 and declarer the CT
marking declarer with a singleton

What do you shift to at T2?

Does declarer 0, 1, or 2 spades? You have no defense if declarer has 2.
If declarer has one spade and solid hearts (likely based on the unusual 2C open)
you cannot kill the dummy successfully if declarer has 8 hearts (1-8-3-1).
Declarer has to have the DA and one will go on the SK and the other will be ruffed.
The winning defense is a trump shift. Play declarer for a spade void. Declarer
has 3 diamond losers and only 9 tricks.

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Roger Melaas Open traveler:

		F	mps	
6HX	1210	1	14	
	510	1	13	DK led?
	480	6	9x	
	450	1	6	
	420	2	4x	
	- 50	1	3	
	-100	3	1	

Gold Rush traveler

		F	mps	
6HX	1210	1	14	
6H	980	1	13	
4	480	7	9	
	420	2	4x	
	- 50	1	3	
	-100	2	1x	
	-800	1	0	??

Over half of the Wests did not find a trump shift

For anyone wondering if the South hand qualifies as a 2C opener:

<https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/Convention-Charts.pdf> last update April 2024

"Very Strong": A hand that contains:

- at least 20 HCP; or
- at least 14 HCP and is within one trick of game assuming suits break evenly among the other hands;
- at least 5 Control Points and is within one trick of game assuming suits break evenly among the other hands.