

Counsel for the Defence 52 – Quiz

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 5 4

♥ 9 6

♦ A K 6

♣ 10 9 8 4



♠ A 6 3

♥ A Q 5 2

♦ J 9 4

♣ 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
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	Pass	1 NT ¹	Pass
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2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
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2 NT	All pass		
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Q1: What do you know about the opposition hands?

Q2: What are your thoughts about your opening lead?

Q3: Now you see the dummy, how many points has partner got?

Suppose you choose a club. Declarer takes the first four tricks in the suit ending in dummy.

Trick 1: You lead 6 ♣: 6-4-J-A

Trick 2: Declarer leads K ♣: K-7-8-3

Trick 3: Declarer leads Q ♣: Q ♣-2 ♣-9 ♣-8 ♦

Trick 4: Declarer leads 5 ♣: 5 ♣-3 ♣-10 ♣-3 ♥

Q4: What do you make of partner's discarding?

Q5: Do you agree with the stated discard from your hand of 3 ♠ on the last trick?

Now declarer leads the 9♥ from dummy which comes around to your Queen -
Trick 5: dummy leads 9♥: 9-7-8-Q

You lead a diamond which dummy wins - Trick 6 - you lead 4♦: 4-A-2-5

Now declarer plays another heart which you duck, then another which you win.
Trick 7: dummy leads 6♥: 6-4-K-2

Trick 8: Declarer leads J♥: J♥-A♥-4♠-3♦

Now you lead another diamond, partner winning and continuing the suit back to dummy's master

Trick 9: you lead 9♦: 9-6-Q-10

Trick 10: partner leads 7♦: 7♦-7♠-J♦-K♦

Now declarer leads a spade to his Queen in hand.

Trick 11: dummy leads 5♠: 5-2-Q-?

Q6: What is left in declarer's hand?

Q7: How do you defend from here?

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Q8: What do you think of the opposition bidding?

Q9: Could declarer have played better?

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 10
♥ J 9 6
♦ K 8 7 5 2
♣ 8 2



♠ 7 2
♥ 10 8 5 4 2
♦ 9
♣ 10 9 7 4 3

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Dbl	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		

Q1: What are you expecting in each of the other three hands from the auction?

Q2: Would you have considered a penalty double of the final contract given your trump holding?

Q3: What leads do you consider and which do you choose?

Say you lead 10♣, the first trick going 10♣: 10-2-A-K

Partner continues clubs, declarer ruffing

Trick 2 - partner leads Q♣: Q♣-3 ♥-3 ♣-8♣

Now declarer plays off two trump rounds, partner following to the first.

Trick 3: declarer leads A♥: A-2-6-7

Trick 4: declarer leads K♥: K♥-4 ♥-9♥-6 ♣

Q4: What is the surprise in the last two tricks?

Now declarer switches to spades, cashing dummy's master and then playing a 3rd.

Trick 5: declarer leads 3 ♠: 3-7-A-6

Trick 6: dummy leads K♠: K-5-8-2

Trick 7: dummy leads 10♠: 10♠-4 ♠-J♠-?

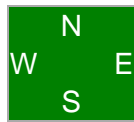
Q5: How do you defend from here?

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Q6: What are your thoughts about the opposition bidding?

Q7: How might the play have gone if you had led your singleton diamond at Trick 1?

Board 3
West Deals
E-W Vul



♠ 8 3 2
♥ Q 5 4 2
♦ Q J 8 7 5
♣ 3

♠ A J 6
♥ K J 8
♦ 6 3 2
♣ A 10 6 2

West	North	East	South
3 ♠	Dbl	All pass	

Q1: Do you agree with the stated South decision to pass partner's take-out double?

Partner leads the A♦, Trick 1 going: A♦: A-5-2-9

Q2: What do you know about the diamond position?

Now partner switches to the A♥, Trick 2 going A♥: A-2-8-3

Partner continues a low heart which declarer ruffs - Trick 3 - partner leads 6♥: 6♥-4♥-J♥-4♠

Now declarer tables the K♠, partner discarding.

Trick 4: declarer leads K♠: K♠-7♥-2♠-?

Q3: What is your general defensive plan, and what do you do next?

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Q4: Do you agree with West's pre-empt and with partner's take-out double?

Q5: How would your side have fared in either a NT or heart game?