

### TEST YOUR DEFENSE & PLAY

	J653	DEALER – 1 Diamond		
	6532	3 Hearts		
	AKJ			
	A5			
74			AKQ108	
K107	Pass		4	1 Spade
753	Pass		642	Pass
76432			QJ98	
	92			
	AQJ98	2 Hearts		
	Q1098	4 Hearts		
	K10			

7 of spades lead, partner wins and cashes 2 more spades, declarer ruffs with the Jack,  
Now what? decide your play

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	8654			
	A	DEALER – 1 Diamond		
	AKQ109	4 Spades		
	763			
J72			3	
J97642			K105	2 Clubs
654	Pass		873	
8			AKQJ94	
	AKQ09			
	Q83	2 Spades		
	J2			
	1052			

8 of clubs lead, partner cashes 3 clubs. What do you discard and why?  
East – what do you lead at trick 4 and why?

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Sometimes, there's no perfect answer to a bidding problem. Bridge is a game of opinions. Even the experts don't always agree. Learn when it's okay to not be overly concerned whether your decision to bid fits exactly into the "rules".

		AQJ1056		
		AK4	DEALER – 1 Spade	
		53	4 Spades	
		A2		
972				8
Q52	Pass			J1098 PASS
AK10				Q8642
J1087				K96

K43  
763 2 Spades  
J97  
Q543

J of hearts lead, West should play the 5 to encourage. Count losers, 1 Heart, 2 Diamonds, 1 Club, what can you do about your 4 losers? How can you make your contract?

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		AJ10	DEALER – 1 Club	
		QJ109	PASS	
		84		
		AQ76		
752				KQ9 DOUBLE
K76	1 NT			A32 3 NT
J32				AKQ109
KJ104				52

8643  
854 PASS  
765 PASS  
983

Q of hearts lead, win, count your winners, 1 Spade, 2 Hearts, 5 Diamonds, where's your 9<sup>th</sup> Trick coming from? HINT – Review the Auction.

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Re-evaluating when the opponents have bid, are your points in their suit well positioned?

Always plan a second bid before you choose a first.

The best bid available is often the least bad alternative.

PASS is not a four-letter word. When you have already told your story, your bid is usually PASS!

Adopt conventions only when they make sense to both of you.