

Counsel for the Defence 100 – Quiz

Board 1
South Deals
None Vul



♠ A K 2
♥ Q J 5 4 3 2
♦ 7
♣ 7 6 3

♠ 10
♥ 10 9 6
♦ A 8 6 5 3
♣ A J 10 9

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

1. 15-17
2. hearts

Q1: Would you have made a lead directing double of East's 2 Diamonds?

Partner leads 4 ♠, the first trick completing 4 ♠: 4-A-10-3

Q2: How many points does partner hold?

Declarer now plays three rounds of trumps, partner following to the first round then discarding 5 ♣ and 4 ♦ (our side is playing Standard Attitude discards).

Trick 2: dummy leads 2 ♥: 2-6-A-7

Trick 3: declarer leads K♥: K♥-5 ♣-3 ♥-9♥

Trick 4: declarer leads 8♥: 8♥-4 ♦-Q♥-10♥

Q3: What is the remaining trump position?

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

Now declarer plays off a top spade from dummy, then goes into the tank when you discard

Trick 5: Dummy leads K♠: K♠-J♣-5 ♠-7 ♠

Q5: Do you agree with the stated discard?

Now declarer leads dummy's singleton diamond, 7 ♦: 7-?

Q6: What are your general thoughts about the defence from here?

Q7: How specifically do you play?

Post Mortem

Q8: Do you agree with the opposition's bidding decisions?

Q9: What would you have led as North?

Q10: How was declarer's line of play?

Board 2 ♠ A 8
 East Deals ♥ K 10 7
 N-S Vul ♦ K Q J 9 2
 ♣ 8 6 5

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♠ K 9 4
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ A 10 6 3
 ♣ K 10 9 3

West North East South
 3♠ All pass

East's pre-empt buys the auction.

Q1: Which leads do you consider, and which is your choice?

Say you opt for the 9♥, you see the first trick go 9♥: 9-7-J-3

Q2: What can you deduce about the heart suit?

Partner switches to the Q♣, declarer winning her Ace.

Trick 2: partner leads Q♣: Q-A-10-5

At Trick 3, declarer tables the Q♠: Q-?

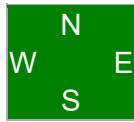
Q3: What's your general defensive plan?

Q4: Do you cover or not at Trick 3?

Post Mortem

Q5: With hindsight, should your side have got into the bidding or not?

Board 3 ♠ Q 10 4
 East Deals ♥ J 7 3 2
 E-W Vul ♦ Q 10
 ♣ J 8 6 3



♠ 9 7 5 2
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ J 9 3 2
 ♣ A 5 2

West North East South
 1NT¹ All pass

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Q1: This is (arguably) the hardest auction to defend against - why?

Q2: What lead choices do you consider and which do you choose?

Say you plump for the 7 ♠ (your agreements being 2nd and 4th highest leads), and see the first trick go 7 ♠: 7-10-J-A

Q3: Do you have any information about the spade layout?

Q4a: How many points does partner have?

Q4b: Do you have any deductions about the shape of partner's hand? (this does depend somewhat on your partnership agreements)

Declarer leads a low heart from hand which you win with your Queen.

Trick 2: declarer leads 6 ♥: 6-Q-2-4

Partner's 4 ♥ is a count signal.

Q5: What are your thoughts about the heart position?

Q6: What is your general defensive strategy, and what do you lead to the next trick?

Post Mortem

Q7: If you could have seen all the cards, the most incisive defence would have been what?

Q8: Do you have a making contract your way?