

Counsel for the Defence 103 – Quiz

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 10 7 5 2

♥ A 10 9 4

♦ 7 6 5 3

♣ —



♠ A J

♥ K Q 2

♦ A 9 4

♣ Q J 10 9 2

West	North	East	South
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Pass

Pass

1 NT¹

Pass

2 ♣²

Dbl

Rdbl

Pass

Pass

3 ♣

Dbl

All pass

1. 15-17

2. Stayman

Q1: What do you understand by South's XX, and subsequent X? Do you agree with these decisions?

Q2: What do you know about partner's hand from the auction?

Q3: What has declarer got?

Q4: What lead choices to you consider?

Say you choose the K♥, then you will see declarer win the first trick on the table and continue hearts to your Queen.

Trick 1: you lead K♥: K-A-8-5

Trick 2: dummy leads 10♥: 10-3-7-Q

Q5: What do you make of partner's carding in the heart suit (if playing Standard Attitude)?

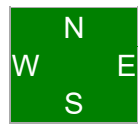
Q6: What are your general thoughts about the defence and how specifically do you continue now?

Post Mortem

Q7: What do you think of East's decisions in the auction?

Q8: How would you have fared in 2 ♣XX, or in 3 NT?

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul



♠ 9 8 6
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ K J 4 3
♣ J 10

♠ K J 4 3
♥ 5
♦ A Q 8 7 6
♣ K 7 5

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♦
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦ ¹	Pass
3 ♥	All pass		

1. good raise in H

Q1: Would you have bid a second time as South?

Partner leads 10♦, Trick 1 going: 10♦-J-Q-5

Q2: Now you see the dummy, how strong to you think declarer and partners' hands are roughly?

Q3: What are the possible diamond positions?

Q4: What options do you consider at Trick 2?

Say you choose a low spade, then trick 2 goes 3 ♠: 3-7-A-6

Q5: What do you know about the spade position?

Partner continues another diamond which you win, Trick 3: partner leads 2 ♦: 2-4-A-9

Q6: What is the remaining diamond position?

Q7: What is your presumption about the unseen club honours?

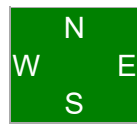
Q8: How do you defend from here?

Post Mortem

Q9: Do you agree with the other players' bidding decisions?

Q10: Do we have a making contract?

Board 3
West Deals
E-W Vul



♠ 10 8 7 3
♥ A K 10 4
♦ 9 7 5 3 2
♣ —

♠ A 9 6
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ A 10
♣ A 10 8 6

West North East South
3 ♣ All pass

Q1: Would you have entered the auction as South, and if so how?

Partner leads K♠, winning and tries another spade, declarer ruffing your Ace.

Trick 1 - partner leads K♠: K-3-6-4

Trick 2 - partner leads 2 ♠: 2 ♠-7 ♠-A♠-2 ♣

Q2: What is the remaining spade position?

Now declarer crosses to dummy with a top heart, and leads a diamond from the table.

Q3: In principle is it best to rise or not on the first diamond round?

Say you do not, then the play has gone:

Trick 3: declarer leads 3 ♥: 3-7-A-6

Trick 4: dummy leads 2 ♦: 2-10-K-6

Now declarer again crosses to dummy with the other top heart and leads another diamond which you win

Trick 5: declarer leads 9 ♥: 9-8-K-2

Trick 6: dummy leads 3 ♦: 3-A-4-J

Q4: What is the remaining diamond position?

Q5: Can you deduce declarer's remaining cards?

Q6: What is your general plan from here, and how specifically do you continue?

Post Mortem

Q7: Do you agree with the other players' bidding decisions?

Q8: What is NS's highest scoring contract?