

Counsel for the Defence 54 – Quiz

Board 1

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A K 6
♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ 10 9 3
♣ Q 5 2



♠ 10 3 2
♥ J 4
♦ J 7 5 2
♣ K 10 9 8

West	North	East	South
	1♦	1♠	2♦
2♠	3♦	3♠	All pass

Q1: Do you agree with South's bidding?

You kick off with a low diamond, partner winning. At Trick 2, partner continues the suit, declarer ruffing in hand.

Trick 1: you lead 2♦: 2-3-Q-4

Trick 2: partner leads A♦: A♦-4♠-5♦-9♦

Declarer draws trumps in 3 rounds, ending in dummy. On the third round partner discards 7♥

Trick 3: declarer leads Q♠: Q-2-6-8

Trick 4: declarer leads 5♠: 5-3-A-9

Trick 5: dummy leads K♠: K♠-7♥-7♠-10♠

Q2: What do you make of partner's 7♥ (you are playing standard attitude)?

Q3: What is the remaining trump position?

Now declarer leads a low club from dummy to her Jack in hand.

Trick 6: dummy leads 2♣: 2-6-J-?

Q4: How do you defend from here?

Post Mortem

Q5: Do you agree with the opposition's bidding decisions?

Q6: Do you agree with declarer's line of play?

Q7: How would you have done in a diamond contract?

Board 2

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 10 7 5 4

♥ K 4 3 2

♦ A 4

♣ 8 4 3



♠ J 8 3 2

♥ 7

♦ J 7 6 3

♣ A K 10 7

West	North	East	South
	1NT ¹	2♦	All pass

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Q1: Did you have any way in to the auction after East's 2 Diamond overcall?

You kick off with a top club, cash another club and try another which declarer ruffs.

Trick 1: you lead A♣: A-3-6-9

Trick 2: you lead K♣: K-4-2-J

Trick 3: you lead 7♣: 7♣-8♣-Q♣-8♦

Q2: Do you agree with the defensive play thus far?

Declarer draws two rounds of trumps.

Trick 4: Declarer leads 9♦: 9-3-A-2

Trick 5: Dummy leads 4♦: 4-5-K-6

Q3: What is the remaining trump position?

Now declarer tries running the Jack of Hearts, which goes round to partner's Queen.

Trick 6: declarer leads J♥: J-7-2-Q

Q4: Can you place the A♥?

Partner plays her last club, declarer ruffing high. Trick 7: partner leads 5 ♣:
5 ♣-Q♦-10♣-4 ♠

Q5: What that good defence?

Q6: What is the remaining trump position?

Declarer plays a low heart from hand to Trick 8.

Q7: Should you ruff? What is your general defensive plan from here?

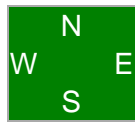
Post Mortem

Q8: Do you agree with East's overcall?

Q9: How was East's play?

Q10: How would your partner have fared in 1 NT?

Board 3
West Deals
E-W Vul



♠ J 10 5
♥ Q J 9 7 6 4
♦ 8 2
♣ Q 9

♠ K 8 4
♥ A K 5 3
♦ Q 3
♣ A 8 6 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♠ ¹	3 ♣	3 ♠	4 ♣
4 ♠	5 ♣	Pass	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbf

All pass

1. 5+

You have a very lively auction.

Q1: You had several choices at your first turn of bidding? What are they, and which would you have chosen? Do you agree with the final penalty double?

Partner leads 8♥ to the first trick, which you win: 8♥: 8-4-K-2

Q2: What is the heart position?

Q3: Should you cash the other top heart now?

Say you continue with A♣, which is ruffed.

Trick 2: you lead A♣: A♣-2 ♠-2 ♣-9♣

Now declarer cashes two master diamonds:

Trick 3: declarer leads A♦: A-6-2-3

Trick 4: declarer leads K♦: K-5-8-Q

Now declarer leads a low diamond to the table, ruffing with the Jack: Declarer leads 7♦: 7♦-4♦-J♠-?

Q4: How do you defend from here?

Post Mortem

Q5: Do you agree with the opposition's bidding decisions?

Q6: How was declarer's play? (in particular, at Trick 1)

Q7: How would your side have fared in a club contract, and do you expect EW would have found the best defence?