

Counsel for the Defence 57 – Quiz

Board 1

South Deals

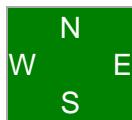
None Vul

♠ K 10 4 3

♥ 9 7 6

♦ 9 7 2

♣ K 9 5



♠ A

♥ 10 5 4 3

♦ A J 8 3

♣ A 10 7 4

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Dbl
All pass			

Q1: Do you agree with South's choices in the auction?

Q2: What do you think each of the other three players hold?

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

You try the Ace of Diamonds, and continue the suit when partner encourages, declarer ruffing the second round.

Trick 1: you lead A♦: A-2-10-6

Trick 2: you lead 3♦: 3♦-7♦-Q♦-8♥

Now declarer plays two rounds of trumps, partner following to the first round, then discarding a small diamond.

Trick 3: declarer leads A♥: A-3-6-2

Trick 4: declarer leads K♥: K♥-4♥-7♥-4♦

Q4: What is the remaining trump position?

At Trick 5, declarer leads the Q♣.

Q5: What is your general defensive plan from this point?

Post Mortem

Q6: What do you think of the other players' bidding decisions?

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

Board 2

West Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 8 5 4
♥ K Q J 5
♦ 7
♣ A K Q 8 3



♠ Q J
♥ 8
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ J 10 9 7 6 4

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

Q1: What do you know about each of the other 3 hands from the auction?

You kick off with the 8♥, which partner wins. Trick 1 goes 8♥: 8-K-A-2

At Trick 2, partner returns the 10♥

Q2: What are your thoughts about partner's lead at Trick 2?

Q3: How do you defend from here?

Post Mortem

Q4: What do you think about each of the players' bidding decisions?

Q5: How would partner have fared in a diamond contract?

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A 5 2
♥ Q 9 4
♦ 9 5
♣ 9 8 7 5 2



♠ Q 8 7 4
♥ A 6
♦ A Q J 10 7
♣ A 3

West	North	East	South
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	2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♥
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3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbf
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All pass

Q1: Is South's double definitively for penalties?

Q2: Do you agree with South's bidding choices (context: our partnership agreement is that non-vulnerable Weak Twos can be very light)?

Say you lead A♥, partner encouraging with the 8, and continue another heart, partner winning. Partner then tables a winning heart, East ruffing with the 9♣.

Trick 1: you lead A♥: A-4-8-2

Trick 2: you lead 6♥: 6-9-J-10

Trick 3: partner leads K♥: K♥-9♣-?

Q3: What is your general defensive plan?

Q4: Do you over-ruff or discard on this Trick?

Post Mortem

Q5: What do you think about each of the players' bidding decisions?

Q6: How many tricks would we have made in a heart contract?