

## Counsel for the Defence 78 – Quiz

### Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5 4

♥ K 10

♦ Q 9 4

♣ A Q J 10 4



♠ A 10 8 3

♥ Q 9 7 6 5 4

♦ 10 7

♣ 7

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

Q1: Would you have entered the auction at any point as South?

Q2: What are the respective merits of leading partner's suit vis a vis your singleton club?

You choose to lead partner's suit - he overtakes and leads another diamond, declarer ruffing.

Trick 1: you lead 10♦: 10-4-J-8

Trick 2: Partner leads A♦: A♦-2 ♠-7 ♦-9♦

Q3: What is the remaining diamond position?

Declarer crosses to dummy with a club, and plays a trump, partner contributing the Queen.

Trick 3: declarer leads 2 ♣: 2-7-A-3

Trick 4: dummy leads 4 ♠: 4-Q-K-A

Q4: What is the remaining trump position?

You lead a heart, partner winning the Ace

Trick 5: you lead 6 ♥: 6-10-A-2

Q5: Who holds the J♥?

Partner continues with the master diamond, declarer ruffing with the 9♠.

Trick 6 starts: K♦ from partner: K♦-9♠-?

Q6: What is your general defensive plan?

Q7: Do you overruff or discard on this trick, and if the former how do you continue?

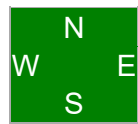
### **Post Mortem**

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

Q9: Could declarer have played better?

Q10: How would partner have fared in a diamond contract?

**Board 2**  
East Deals  
N-S Vul



♠ K 9 3  
♥ 9 8  
♦ 9 8 2  
♣ K Q 6 5 3

♠ 2  
♥ A J 10 3 2  
♦ K Q 3  
♣ A 10 7 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♥ <sup>1</sup>
3 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠	Dbl

All pass

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Q1: Do you agree with South's decision to double at the second turn?

Trick 1 - partner leads 5 ♥: 5-8-A-4

Q2: What choices do you consider at Trick 2?

Trick 2 - Say you continue with K ♦, which wins: K-5-4-2

Q3: What choices do you consider at Trick 3?

Say you continue with J ♥ and declarer wins the King - Trick 3 you lead J ♥: J-K-7-9

Q4: What are your thoughts about the remaining heart position?

Declarer now plays two rounds of trumps ending in hand

Trick 4: declarer leads 5 ♠: 5-4-K-2

Trick 5: dummy leads 3 ♠: 3 ♠-2 ♣-A ♠-Q ♠

Now declarer leads J ♣ from hand: J-4-3

Q5: What are your thoughts about the possible club layouts?

Q6: How do you defend?

## Post Mortem

Q7: Do you agree with the opposition bidding?

Q8: How was the opposition play?

Q9: How many tricks would you have scored in a heart contract?

**Board 3**  
South Deals  
E-W Vul



♠ K 6  
♥ 9 7 5 3  
♦ J 8 2  
♣ 10 9 7 4

♠ 4 3  
♥ Q 8  
♦ A K 5 4  
♣ A J 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
1 ♠	1 NT	Pass	Pass
2 ♠	All pass		

Q1: Do you agree with South's bidding decisions?

Partner leads 5 ♣ which you win with your Ace.

Trick 1: partner leads 5 ♣: 5-4-A-6

Q2: Assuming you are playing standard leads, you can definitively work out that partner led a singleton. How?

Q3: How exactly do you continue the defence from this point?

## Post Mortem

Q4: Do you agree with West's competition to 2 ♠? A related question - suppose declarer had been able to draw your side's trumps quickly, would she have likely made 8 tricks in a spade contract?

Q5: How would partner have fared in a 1 NT contract?