

Counsel for the Defence 88 – Quiz

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 8 7

♥ A J 8 5

♦ 10 9 4 2

♣ 8



♠ 6 4 2

♥ K 10 7 6

♦ 5

♣ K Q J 10 9

West	North	East	South
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1 ♦

1 ♠

2 ♣

3 ♠

All pass

Q1: Do you agree with South's bidding decisions? What else might he have done at his first turn?

Q2: Sometimes the bridge gods give you more than one decent lead, and you must choose - do you agree that the 5 ♦ is best?

Partner wins the first trick, and gives you a diamond ruff.

Trick 1 - you lead 5 ♦: 5-2-A-6

Trick 2 - partner leads 3 ♦: 3 ♦-K♦-2 ♠-4 ♦

Q3: There are different defensive approaches at this point - what are they?

Q4: Which do you choose, and why, and what specifically do you lead to Trick 3?

Post Mortem

Q5: Declarer made a blunder - how could she have played better?

Q6: What is your side's best contract were the auction to have been uncontested?

Board 2

East Deals

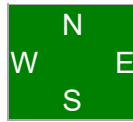
N-S Vul

♠ 4

♥ 10 9 6 3

♦ K J 10 8

♣ A K 8 4



♠ K J 9 6 2

♥ A K 4

♦ 9 7 2

♣ Q 3

West

North

East

South

2 ♠¹

All pass

1. weak

Q1: Did you consider bidding as South?

Q2: What opening leads do you consider, and which do you choose?

Say you start with A♥, receiving encouragement from partner at the first trick.

Trick 1: A♥: A-3-8-5

Trick 2: K♥: K-6-2-7

Trick 3: 4♥: 4-9-Q-J

Partner now goes into the tank before fishing out the 10♣

Trick 4 begins with partner leading 10♣-Q♣-?

Q3: What is the exact trump position?

Q4: Which high cards can you place?

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

Q6: How do you continue?

Post Mortem

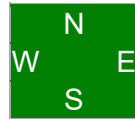
Q7: How was declarer's play?

Q8: Do you agree with the opposition bidding?

Q9: How was partner's defence?

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ 10 4 2
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ K 10 9 4
 ♣ 9 8 2



♠ J 6 5 3
 ♥ Q 10 9 3
 ♦ Q J
 ♣ A 7 4

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1 ♥ ¹	Pass
2 ♥	All pass		
1. 5+			

Q1: Letting the opponents buy an auction in 2-of-an-agreed-major is generally not good bridge: would you have found a way into the auction as South?

Q2: Which leads do you consider and which do you choose?

Say you go for a spade, you find two winners with partner who continues another spade declarer discarding.

Trick 1: you lead 3 ♠: 3-2-K-9

Trick 2: partner leads A♠: A-Q-5-4

Trick 3: partner leads 7 ♠: 7 ♠-2 ♦-J♠-10♠

Q3: What continuations do you consider now and which do you choose?

Say you continue with Q♦, declarer wins in hand, cashes dummy's trump Ace and plays another heart to her King (partner discarding).

Trick 4: you lead Q♦: Q-4-3-A

Trick 5: declarer leads 2 ♥: 2-3-A-6

Trick 6: dummy leads 4 ♥: 4 ♥-6 ♣-K♥-9♥

Q4: How many spades and hearts did declarer start with?, and what trumps does she now retain?

Declarer continues with a diamond to dummy's King, and plays dummy's 10♦, discarding a club

Trick 7: declarer leads 6♦: 6-J-K-5

Trick 8: dummy leads 10♦: 10♦-7♦-3♣-?

Q5: You can now work out declarer's remaining shape - what is it?

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

Post Mortem

Q7: Do you agree with declarer's line of play?

Q8: Do you agree with each of the other players' decisions in the auction?

Q9: How would your side have fared in a spade contract?