

Counsel for the Defence 89 – Quiz

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul



♠ 7
♥ A Q
♦ 4 3 2
♣ K J 9 8 5 4 3

♠ Q 10 8 3
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 9 7
♣ A Q 7

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	All pass		

Q1: How would you play a 3rd round bid of Three Clubs in this sequence?

Partner kicks off with the 2 ♠, declarer capturing your Queen with her Ace. She continues with the 10♣.

Trick 1 - partner leads 2 ♠: 2-7-Q-A

Trick 2 - declarer leads 10♣: 10-6-3-?

Q2: What are the two possible layouts of the clubs? Which one do you pray for?

Q3: How many points does partner have?

Q4: What is your general defensive plan, and how specifically do you continue?

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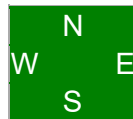
Q5: How could declarer have played better?

Q6: What are your thoughts about the opponents' bidding decisions?

Q7: What is their optimum contract?

Board 2
 South Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ A 10 5 3
 ♥ Q 6 2
 ♦ 8 6 5
 ♣ 10 3 2



♠ K J 6 4 2
 ♥ K 8 3
 ♦ 9 2
 ♣ J 9 7

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	3 ♦	4 ♣	All pass

Q1: You should be pleased with the auction - why?

You lead partner's suit, and he wins the first two tricks:

Trick 1: you lead 9♦: 9-5-Q-3

Trick 2: partner leads A♦: A-J-2-6

Q2: What is the remaining diamond position?

Q3: What are you hoping partner will do next?

Partner continues with another top diamond, declarer ruffing high, on which you discard 8♥.

Trick 3: partner leads K♦: K♦-A♣-8♥-8♦

Q4: Do you agree with the stated 8♥ discard?

Q5: How many of the unseen high cards can you place?

Declarer plays two top trumps (partner following to the first round), and then leads a small heart.

Trick 4: declarer leads K♣: K-7-2-6

Trick 5: declarer leads Q♣: Q♣-9♣-3♣-4♦

Trick 6: declarer leads 4♥-?

Q6: How do you defend from here?

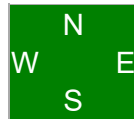
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Q7: What are your thoughts about the bidding decisions of the other three players?

Q8: How would partner have fared in Three Diamonds?

Board 3
 North Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ K 7
 ♥ Q 7 6 5 3
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ 10 9 7 5



♠ Q 6 2
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ Q 9 7 5 4
 ♣ A 6 3

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	1NT ¹	All pass
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Q1: Do you agree with South's decisions to Pass on both rounds (our partnership agreement is that 1-level overcalls non vulnerable can be very light)?

You lead 2♠, the first trick being won in dummy, as partner discourages with a low spade:

Trick 1 - you lead 2♠: 2-K-3-4

Q2: What do you know about the spade position?

Q3: How many points does partner hold?

Declarer plays the J♦ from dummy, partner following with the 3, and declarer playing low from hand:

Trick 2 starts J♦: J-3-2-?

Q4: What is the probable diamond position?

Q5: Are you in a rush to score your Queen?

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

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Q7: How was declarer's play?

Q8: How would your side have fared in a spade contract?