

## Counsel for the Defence 89 – Quiz

**Board 1**  
North Deals  
None Vul

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♠ 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?

### Post Mortem

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**      ♠ A 10 5 3  
 South Deals      ♥ Q 6 2  
 N-S Vul      ♦ 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?

### Post Mortem

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      ♠ K 7  
 E-W Vul      ♥ 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<sup>1</sup>    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?

### Post Mortem

Q7: How was declarer's play?

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