

Counsel for the Defence 92 – Quiz

Board 1
West Deals
None Vul



♠ A Q J 10
♥ 8 2
♦ Q J 9 2
♣ 6 5 4

♠ 8 6 3
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ A 8 6 5
♣ A 9

West	North	East	South
1 ♥ ¹	3 ♣	Dbl	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

1. 5+

Q1: Should you consider a penalty double of the final contract?

Partner leads Q♣, which you overtake, declarer's King dropping

Trick 1: partner leads Q♣: Q-4-A-K

Q2: What is the remaining club position and what do you lead to Trick 2 and why?

Suppose you continue a club, declarer ruffing, and then drawing trumps in four rounds.

Trick 2: you lead 9♣: 9♣-4♥-2♣-5♣

Trick 3: declarer leads A♥: A-10-2-3

Trick 4: declarer leads K♥: K♥-3♣-8♥-5♥

Trick 5: declarer leads Q♥: Q♥-7♣-6♣-7♥

Trick 6: declarer leads J♥: J♥-8♣-10♣-9♥

Q3: What is the remaining trump position?

Now declarer turns her attention to diamonds leading the King then the Ten from hand, partner following with the 7 then the 4 (our side is playing standard count)

Trick 7: declarer leads K♦: K-7-2-8

Trick 8: declarer leads 10♦: 10-4-9-?

Q4: How many tricks is declarer guaranteed from this point, and what is your defensive target?

Q5: What is the remaining diamond position?

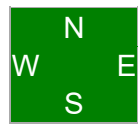
Q6: How do you defend from here?

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Q7: What do you think about each of the players' bidding choices?

Q8: How could declarer have done better?

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul



♠ A 8 5
♥ K 9 6
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K Q 6 3

♠ K 9
♥ Q J 5 4 3
♦ K J
♣ 10 9 7 5

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

1. 12-14
2. Stayman
3. no 4CM

Q1: What's going on in the auction? Specifically what do you know about Declarer's hand?

Q2: Would you have bid as South?

Partner leads 8♥, the first trick going 8♥-6-J-A

Q3: What's the remaining heart position?

Declarer leads a small club, partner rising with the Ace then continuing Ace and a small diamond.

Trick 2 - declarer leads 2 ♣: 2-A-3-7

Trick 3 - partner leads A♦: A-3-J-8

Trick 4 - partner leads 2 ♦: 2-5-K-10

Q4: Now what?

If you find a heart, then partner ruffs, and returns the master diamond.

Trick 5: you leads 5 ♥: 5♥-2♥-3♠-9♥

Trick 6 - partner leads Q♦: Q-9-?

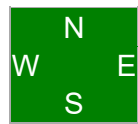
Q5: What are your thoughts about the defence from here? How do you play?

Post Mortem

Q6: Do you agree with the other players' bidding decisions?

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

Board 3
East Deals
E-W Vul



♠ 5 3
♥ J 10 9 6 5 4
♦ J 3
♣ J 6 2

♠ 7 6
♥ Q 7 2
♦ 9 5 4 2
♣ 8 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
4 ♠	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
5 ♠	Dbl	All pass	

Q1: You had no bidding decisions with this lousy hand, but should ask yourself what you think the other players hold: what's your best guess of what is going on?

Rather than the expected diamond lead, partner kicks off with 3 top clubs, all of which hold.

Trick 1: partner leads A♣: A-2-3-7

Trick 2: partner leads K♣: K-6-4-9

Trick 3: partner leads Q♣: Q-J-5-10

Q2: What is the remaining club position?

Now partner switches to the K♦ which declarer wins

Trick 4: partner leads K♦: K-3-5-A

Declarer now runs off AKQJxxxx of spades.

Q3: It's easy to go to sleep here - you have a lousy hand and declarer is already one off, but you want to fight for another trick: how do you discard and why?

Post Mortem

Q4: What are your thoughts about the other players' bidding decisions?

Q5: How would partner have fared in Five Diamonds?