

Counsel for the Defence 95 – Quiz

Board 1
South Deals
None Vul



♠ A 8 5 2
♥ 10
♦ K 9 3
♣ K 8 7 6 3

♠ J 6
♥ Q J 8 6 4
♦ A Q 7
♣ A Q 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Dbl	3 ♥
4 ♠	All pass		

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

Playing standard lead, partner leads 10♦

Q2: What inferences can you make about the diamond position?

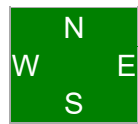
Q3: What is your general plan for the defence, and how specifically do you start?

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Q4: Do you agree with the other players' bidding choices?

Q5: How would a heart contract have fared our way?

Board 2
 East Deals
 N-S Vul



♠ K J 10 7 5
 ♥ A 8 6
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 8 7 5 3

♠ Q 2
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ Q 10 8 6 5
 ♣ A J 10 4

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT ¹	All pass		
1.	12-14		

The opposition are playing a strong NT range, hence a 1 NT rebid is 12-14.

Q1: Would you have opened the bidding on the South hand?

Partner leads K♥ and you unblock your Jack.

Trick 1: partner leads K♥: K-6-J-2

Q2: Do you agree with this play?

Partner continues with Q♥, declarer winning and playing another heart to partner's 10.

Trick 2: partner leads Q♥: Q-A-4-5

Trick 3: dummy leads 8♥: 8♥-5♦-7♥-10♥

Q3: What do you know about the heart position?

Q4: Do you agree with the suggested discard of the 5♦ (playing Standard Attitude)?

Now partner plays a club, declarer playing the Queen underneath your Ace.

Trick 4: partner leads 6♣: 6-3-A-Q

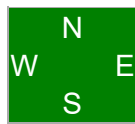
Q5: What do you know about the club position? How do you defend from here

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Q6: Do you agree with the opposition bidding sequence?

Q7: How would they have fared in a spade contract?

Board 3
 West Deals
 E-W Vul



♠ A Q
 ♥ K J 8 5
 ♦ Q 6 4
 ♣ J 7 6 3

♠ 5
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ K J 10 9 7 3
 ♣ A Q 10 9

West	North	East	South
1 ♣ ¹	2 ♠ ²	Dbl	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

1. 2+ clubs
2. weak

Explanatory bidding note: the opposition were playing a strong NT range and five card majors, so 1 Club can be short (and is consistent with a weak NT opening bid).

Q1: Would you have got into the auction as South?

Partner leads J♠, declarer winning in dummy

Declarer plays a round of trumps, partner winning with the Ace, then partner continues with another spade which you ruff.

Trick 1: partner leads J♠: J-A-5-3

Trick 2: dummy leads 5♥: 5-4-Q-A

Trick 3: partner leads 7♠: 7♠-Q♠-9♥-6♠

Q2: Can you place the K♠, A♦ and K♣?

Q3: You would really like the minor suits to be led toward you, but you are on lead - what is your rather clever ruse at this point?

Post Mortem

Q4: Do you agree with the other players' decisions in the auction?

Q5: Does our side have a making contract?