

Counsel for the Defence 98 – Quiz

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul



♠ A Q 5 3
♥ 9 4
♦ 10 8
♣ K 9 8 6 4

♠ K 10 9 7 6
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K J 6
♣ A J

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	All pass		

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

Partner leads you suit, the first trick going: 8♠: 8-A-9-2

Q2: What are the possible spade layouts?

Declarer takes two rounds of trumps, successfully finessing against your Queen

Trick 2 - dummy leads 4♥: 4-5-J-3

Trick 3 - declarer leads A♥: A-6-9-8

Now declarer plays J♠, Trick 4 going J♠: J-4-3-?

Q3: What are your general thoughts about the defence, and how specifically do you play now?

Q4: If, later, partner plays a low club and dummy plays low, which club will you play?

Post Mortem

Q5: Do you agree with the opposition bidding?

Q6: Do you agree with the declarer's play?

Board 2 ♠ A J 8 4
 East Deals ♥ K 8 4
 N-S Vul ♦ 8 7 2
 ♣ K 9 6



♠ 6 5
 ♥ Q 7 6 5
 ♦ J 10 4
 ♣ A Q 10 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Q1: What do you know about the opposition hands?

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

If you choose 6 ♠, you will see the first trick go 6 ♠: 6-4-K-9

At Trick 2, partner returns 7 ♠: 7-Q-5-8

Q3: Why did partner return spades?

Now declarer plays two rounds of trumps partner discarding on the 2nd round

Trick 3: declarer leads 2 ♥: 2-5-K-10

Trick 4: dummy leads 4 ♥: 4 ♥-4 ♣-A ♥-6 ♥

Now declarer plays a small club from hand (specifically the 3 ♣)

Q4: What are your general thoughts about the defence?

Q5: How specifically do you play from here?

Post Mortem

Q6: How was the opposition bidding?

Q7: Could declarer have played better?

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ A K Q 8 5
 ♥ K Q 8 4
 ♦ K 10 6
 ♣ Q



♠ 9 3
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ A 10 9 8 7 5 3

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

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

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

If you lead A♣, then you see the first trick go A♣: A-Q-2-4

Q3: What are your thoughts about the club position?

Q4: Do you have an agreement about partner's carding in this situation?

Q5: How do you continue the defence?

Post Mortem

Q6: Do you agree with the opposition bidding decisions?

Q7: Might the contract have made?