

Well I Do Declare! 103: Quiz

Board 1 ♠ A 6
 South Deals ♥ J 9 2
 None Vul ♦ K 7 6 3
 ♣ A 6 5 2
 
 ♠ K J 9 7 4
 ♥ A 3
 ♦ A 10 8 4 2
 ♣ 9

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

1. constructive raise

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding decisions?

West leads 5 ♥, and you have to decide what to play from dummy

Q2: What are the respective merits of playing the Jack, the Nine or the Two?

Suppose you opt for the Nine, rightly or wrongly, you will see East play the Queen

Trick 1 begins: 5 ♥: 5-9-Q-?

Q3: Should you win or hold up?

Suppose you win, and decide to play the diamonds, you get good news when they break 2-2

Trick 1 completes: 5 ♥: 5-9-Q-A

Trick 2: you lead 2 ♦: 2-9-K-5

Trick 3: dummy leads 3 ♦: 3-Q-A-J

Q4: Although it turns out to be irrelevant on the actual layout, why was it good technique to play off the King of Diamonds rather than the Ace on the first round of the suit?

Q5: Having found the diamonds breaking kindly, what are your thoughts about the rest of the hand? How exactly do you continue?

Post Mortem

Q6: Do you agree with the opponents' bidding decisions?

Q7: What are your thoughts about the defence?

Board 2 ♠ 7 2
 East Deals ♥ A K J 10 8 2
 N-S Vul ♦ 4 3 2
 ♣ 10 6



♠ K Q J
 ♥ 7 6 3
 ♦ K J 5
 ♣ A 9 8 3

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

1. 12-14
2. hearts

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding sequence?

Q2: What do you make of the opposition bidding, and what does it tell you about both of their hands?

West leads 10♦, East winning the Ace and returning the 6♦ at Trick 2

Trick 1: West leads 10♦: 10-2-A-5

Trick 2: East leads 6♦-?

Q3: You have an immediate decision about which diamond to play at Trick 2 - what are your thoughts?

Suppose you try the Jack and it wins, Trick 2 completing 6: 6-J-7-3

Q4: What are your thoughts about the losers / potential losers in each suit?

Q5: How specifically do you play from here?

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Q6: What do you think of the opposition bidding?

Q7: What turns out to be the best opening lead from West, and would you have found this?

Board 3 ♠ 4 2
 South Deals ♥ Q J 5 3 2
 E-W Vul ♦ 10 2
 ♣ A Q 3 2

N	
W	E
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♠ Q J 10 8 7 5 3
 ♥ A K 7
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ K

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	2 ♦	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding decisions?

West leads 4 ♦, and when you see the dummy you realise the contract is almost certainly doomed to failure.

Q2: After Trick 1 starts 4 ♦: 4-2-K-? which diamond do you play? Do you think this tactic might work?

East continues with a second high diamond (West playing the five).

At Trick 3, East goes into the tank and then decides to lead J ♦

Q3: Which card do you ruff with and why?

Q4: When this holds the trick, what is your plan from here?

Post Mortem

Q5: How was the defence?

Q6: Guess the MP result for 4S-1, and for -2?