

Well I Do Declare! 104: Quiz

Board 1 ♠ J
North Deals ♥ K 9 7
None Vul ♦ A Q 5 3 2
 ♣ J 7 6 3

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W		E
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 ♠ A Q 9 5
 ♥ A 10 8 3
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ 5 4 2

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

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding decisions?

West leads 2 ♠, Trick going 2 ♠: 2-J-K-A

Q2: Do you agree with the decision to win the first trick?

Q3: What is the spade position?

Q4: What are your thoughts about which suit to play on?

If you choose a diamond, the 2nd trick goes: 7 ♦: 7-J-Q-6

Q5: What are your thoughts about the remaining diamond position?

Q6: What is your general game-plan from here, and how specifically to you continue from here?

Post Mortem

Q7: Would you have made the same lead as West?

Q8: How was the defence?

Board 2 ♠ 9 8 7 3
 East Deals ♥ K 9 7 4 2
 N-S Vul ♦ J 8
 ♣ K 8



♠ K Q 6 4
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ A 9 7 6 2

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

Q1a: Your side is playing a strong NT: would you have chosen a 1 ♣ or 1 NT opening bid?

Q1b: Having chosen the former of these, do you agree with the subsequent NS auction?

West leads 7 ♦, the first trick going 7 ♦: 7-8-A-Q

East returned a diamond which you win: 4 ♦: 4-K-2-J

Q2: What are your general thoughts about the number of losers in each suit?

Q3: What in particular are your thoughts about the trump position, and the different ways you might tackle it?

Q4: What is your general gameplan now, and how specifically do you continue?

Post Mortem

Q5: Would you have got into the auction as EW?

Q6: In retrospect, could you have made one more trick?

Board 3 ♠ A 8 7 6 5
 South Deals ♥ 8 2
 E-W Vul ♦ J 6
 ♣ K Q 9 2

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♠ —
 ♥ A Q 10 9 7 4
 ♦ K 10 4 2
 ♣ A 6 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥ ¹
2 ♦	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	
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Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding sequence?

West leads Q♠ which you win in dummy discarding a diamond from hand

Trick 1: West leads Q♠: Q♠-A♠-4 ♠-2 ♦

Q2: What are your thoughts about the spade position, diamond position, and the possible layouts of the heart honours?

Suppose you try running the 8♥ at Trick 2, sadly seeing West win the Jack

Trick 2 - dummy leads 8♥: 8-5-4-J

West persists with a spade which you ruff

Trick 3 - West leads J♠: J♠-5 ♠-3 ♠-7 ♥

Q3: What are the respective merits of trying another trump finesse, versus trying to drop the K♥?

You try the latter, rightly or wrongly, both opponents following low

Trick 4: you lead A♥: A-3-2-6

Q4: How are you feeling about your chances at this point?

You decide to play on the clubs, noting that both opponents follow to 3 rounds

Trick 5: you lead A♣: A-3-2-4

Trick 6: you lead 5♣: 5-7-K-8

Trick 7: dummy leads Q♣: Q-10-6-J

Q5: What are your thoughts about West's remaining shape?

Q6: What layout do you need to succeed from here, and how specifically do you play now?

Post Mortem

Q7: Do you agree with the opposition bidding?

Q8: Why was this a disaster board for the goodies?