

## Well I Do Declare! 45: Quiz

**Board 1**      ♠ Q 8 5 4

North Deals    ♥ K 10 8

None Vul      ♦ 6 2

♣ K J 8 3



♠ A 6

♥ A Q 6

♦ A 4 3

♣ Q 6 5 4 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

All pass

1. 15-17

Q1: Do you agree with the North / South bidding sequence (assuming your 1 NT is 12-14)?

Q2: West leads J♠. If the opponents are playing standard leads, what layouts are consistent with this lead?

Q3: When you come to establish clubs, you will straightforwardly have 4 tricks if the break is 2-2 or 3-1. Can you play the suit in such a way as to guard against 4-0 breaks, and if so does it matter which opponent has the length?

Q4a: At Trick 1 - if you play the Queen from dummy and it wins then you are on easy street. How many tricks will you make?

Q4b: At Trick 1 - if you play the Queen from dummy and East plays the King, will you win the Ace or duck and why? What is your plan and in what circumstances will you make the contract?

Q4c: At Trick 1 - what do you think about playing low from dummy and winning the first trick with the Ace?

Q4d: At Trick 1 - what do you think about playing low from dummy and low from hand?

Q4e: So, how do you play at Trick 1?

### **Post Mortem**

Q9: Do you agree with West's choice of lead? What would the upshot of a diamond lead have been?

**Board 2**     ♠ A Q 5 4 2

East Deals    ♥ A 7 6

N-S Vul       ♦ 8 6 2

♣ 10 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 8

♥ J 2

♦ A K Q

♣ A K Q J 9 5

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2 ♠ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	2 ♠ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	3 ♣ <sup>3</sup>
Pass	4 NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass	5 ♣ <sup>5</sup>
Pass	6 ♣	All pass	

1. big hand
2. 5 cards, some values
3. 6 clubs, denies 3 spades
4. RKCB
5. 3 keycards

Q1: What do you think about the NS bidding sequence? What else might you have considered at each turn?

You receive the lead of J♦ from West.

Q2: Do you agree that if the spade finesse succeeds, then 12 tricks roll home without any problem?

Q3: Do you have chances if the spade finesse fails?

You decide to immediately try the spade finesse, so win the first trick in hand and lead a spade to dummy's Queen, which loses to East's King.

Trick 1 - West leads J♦: J-2-4-A

Trick 2 - You lead 8♠: 8-7-Q-K

East returns a diamond which you win at Trick 3: East leads 7♦: 7-K-5-6

Q4: How do you plan the play from here?

**Post Mortem**

Q5: With hindsight, can the club slam be defeated? Should the defence have found this line?

Q6: How does 6 NT fare on this hand?

**Board 3**      ♠ K Q 7  
 South Deals    ♥ A Q J 8 7  
 E-W Vul        ♦ —  
                     ♣ K Q J 7 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

                    ♠ A J 8  
                     ♥ 4  
                     ♦ Q 9 8 7 4 2  
                     ♣ 9 8 6

West	North	East	South
			3 ♦
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 NT
All pass			

Q1: What do you think about the North-South bidding decisions?

Q2: How might the auction have gone if South chose to Pass at her first turn?

West leads 6 ♠

Q3: Clearly you will knock out the A♣ as an early task. Ideally you would like to lead clubs repeatedly from South. Why?

Q4: Do you have enough communication to do this? If you play clubs from North, might you still make four tricks if there is a bad break?

Q5: Which defender would you prefer to hold the A♣ and why?

Q6: Which hand do you win Trick 1 in, and what is your general plan?

**Post Mortem**

Q7: Do you agree with West's opening lead choice?

Q8: With full sight of all four hands, the defence could have defeated the contract. How? Should they have found this?