

Well I Do Declare! 76: Quiz

Board 1 ♠ A K Q 7 6

North Deals ♥ 9 5

None Vul ♦ Q 7

♣ A K 5 4



♠ 9 3

♥ K 4 2

♦ J 10 9 8 2

♣ Q 9 2

West	North	East	South
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	1 ♠ ¹	Pass	1 NT
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Pass	3 NT	All pass	
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Q1a: Do you agree with the NS bidding sequence (given they are playing 5 card majors)?

Q1b: How would you have expected the auction to have progressed were they playing 4 card majors?

West leads 3 ♦, presumably fourth highest.

Q2: Do you agree you are delighted to see a diamond rather than a heart lead?

Q3: Which specific cards do you play at Trick 1 from dummy and hand and why?

Let's say you opt for the Queen from table and the 9 from hand, Trick 1 going 3 ♦: 3-Q-A-9. East goes into the tank . . .

Q4: What is she thinking? Is there a certain frisson?

She continues a diamond, West winning the King. A third diamond is played.

Trick 2: East leads 5 ♦: 5-2-K-7

Trick 3: West leads 6 ♦: 6 ♦-5 ♥-8 ♥-J ♦

Q5: Do you agree your contract is now guaranteed?

Q6: How specifically do you play to give yourself the best chance of one or more overtricks?

Post Mortem

Q7: Would you have bid as EW at any point?

Q8: If the defence had sight of all four hands, how would they have played to defeat the contract?

Board 2 ♠ 7 2
 East Deals ♥ K 10 8 5
 N-S Vul ♦ A 6 4 3
 ♣ A 9 3

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 ♠ A Q J 9 6 3
 ♥ A 4 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ J 4

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

Q1: Do you agree with the North-South decisions in the auction?

West leads K♣, and you see you reason not to win and try a trump finesse which succeeds.

Trick 1: West leads K♣: K-A-5-4

Trick 2: Dummy leads 2 ♠: 2-5-Q-4

Q2: Do you agree with declarer's decisions thus far?

Q3: How many losers / potential losers are there in each suit?

Q4: What is your best chance of eliminating one of these?

Q5: What is your general plan from here, and how specifically do you play?

Post Mortem

Q6: Could the defence have scored one more trick if they had sight of all the cards?

Board 3 ♠ J 9 7 6 5 2

South Deals ♥ 8

E-W Vul ♦ 6 5 2

♣ J 10 5



♠ K 8

♥ A 10 9 5

♦ Q J

♣ A K 8 7 3

West North East South

1 NT¹

Pass 2 ♥² Pass 2 ♠

All pass

1. 15-17
2. spades

Q1: You are playing a strong NT in this partnership - would you have opened 1 NT as stated, or would you prefer 1 Club?

West leads a small heart, and you see the dummy which at least has some shape if only meagre values.

The first trick completes: 6 ♥: 6-8-Q-A

Q2: What are your thoughts about the heart position?

Q3: How many losers / potential losers do you have in each suit?

Q4: What is your general plan, and how specifically do you proceed now?

Post Mortem

Q5: Should the contract have been defeated on the lay of the cards?

Q6: Would you have gone into the auction at any point as East or West?

Q7: How do they fare in a red suit contract?