

Well I Do Declare! 89: Quiz

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

 ♠ K Q 3
 ♥ 6 5 3
 ♦ A Q J 10 7
 ♣ 9 2

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1 ♥	2 ♦

All pass

After a straightforward overcall, the auction just fizzles out.

West leads her partner's suit; the opposition winning the first three tricks in the suit. Then East leads a fourth round of hearts:

Trick 1 - West leads J♥: J-4-8-3

Trick 2 - West leads 9♥: 9-7-10-5

Trick 3 - East leads A♥: A♥-6♥-10♣-K♥

Trick 4 - East leads 2♥

Q1: What is the remaining heart position?

Q2: What are your thoughts about the club position?

Q3: How likely is it that the diamond finesse works?

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

Post Mortem

Q5: How was the defensive play?

Q6: Do you agree with the other players' decisions in the auction?

Q7: Have EW got a making contract?

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



♠ Q 8 6
 ♥ A J 9 7 5
 ♦ 6
 ♣ A J 7 5

West	North	East	South
		1 ♦	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♦ ¹	Pass	4 ♥
All pass			

1. constructive
H raise

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding decisions?

West leads 7 ♦

Q2: What do you know / infer about the diamond position?

Q3: What is your general plan, and how specifically do you play?

Post Mortem

Q4: Would you have made the same opening lead as West?

Q5: How, with the wisdom of hindsight, could the defence have scored more tricks?

Board 3 ♠ K 9 4 3
 South Deals ♥ A K J 6
 E-W Vul ♦ 8 5
 ♣ Q 8 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

 ♠ J 2
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ A K J 10 7 4

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
1 ♦	Dbl	Pass	2 NT ¹
Pass	4 NT ²	Pass	6 NT
All pass			

1. 18-19
2. quantitative

Q1: Do you agree with the NS actions in the auction?

West leads 10♦ which comes around to your Queen - Trick 1 West leads 10♦:
 10-5-4-Q

Q2: What are your thoughts about the diamond position?

Q3: Do you agree that after this first trick, you can now see your contract with ease?

Q4: Which defender probably holds the A♠?

Q5: On the assumption that you are right about Q4, how can you play to guarantee 13 tricks? Does this come at any risk should you be wrong about the answer to Q4?

Post Mortem

Q6a: What do you think about West's lead choice?

Q6b: How would you have played on a passive club or heart lead, and how many tricks would you have made?