

Well I Do Declare! 91: Quiz

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	All pass	

Q1: West thought long and hard before both of her Passes - what inference do you draw from this, if any?

Q2: Do you agree with the NS bidding sequence?

West leads A♦ and another which you choose to win in dummy.

Trick 1: West leads A♦: A-2-8-9

Trick 2: West leads 6♦: 6-K-3-J

Q3: What are your thoughts about the diamond position?

You try a trump finesse, which fails, then West, after another notable pause leads a low spade which, very surprisingly, you win with your Nine!

Trick 3: dummy leads 6♥: 6-3-Q-K

Trick 4: West leads 3♠: 3-2-8-9

Q4: What are your thoughts about the spade position?

Now you table a top trump, and get some bad news . . .

Trick 5: You lead A♥: A♥-2♥-8♥-4♠

Q5: What is the remaining trump position?

Q6: What is your general plan from here, and how specifically do you proceed?

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Q7: Would you have go into the auction as West?

Q8: How was West's defence?

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

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 ♠ K J 4
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ A 7 3 2
 ♣ J 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1 NT ¹	2 ♦ ²	Pass	2 ♥ ³

All pass

1. 12-14
2. one major suit
3. pass or correct

Explanatory bidding note: you are playing 'Multi-Landy' in which a bid of 2 Diamonds shows one or other major, usually a 6 carder (this allows 2H and 2S to be 2-suited hands).

Q1: Given the above, do you agree with the NS sequence?

West kicks off with the Ace and King of Clubs, East playing the Queen on the second round. West continues with a small club which East ruffs.

Trick 1: West leads A♣: A-3-9-2

Trick 2: West leads K♣: K-4-Q-5

Trick 3: West leads 7♣: 7♣-10♣-3♥-8♣

West's 7♣ is the higher of her remaining clubs and suggests a spade switch (which is also clear to East from the dummy holding), so it is no surprise when East takes 5♠

Trick 4: East leads 5♠-?

Q2: This is annoyingly good defence and you must decide which card to play from hand - what are your thoughts?

Suppose you opt for the Jack, then Trick 4 completes: 5 ♠-J-A-3

Q3: Who holds the Q♣.

At Trick 5, West plays yet another club, specifically the 6 ♣-?

Q4: Is this good defence?

Q5: What is your plan from here?

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

Q7: Could the contract have been defeated?

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ A
 ♥ 10 8 6 5
 ♦ Q J 10 8 5
 ♣ K J 2



♠ 10 5 2
 ♥ A K J 9
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A 10 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
			1♣
1♠	Dbf	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding sequence, and do you consider South's Three Heart rebid to be a reverse?

West leads the K♠ which you win performe in dummy.

Q2: There are a lot of moving parts on this hand: what specifically are your thoughts about each of the four suits?

Q3: What is the best general order of play, and how exactly do you start?

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Q4: Do you agree with the opponents' bidding decisions?

Q5: How would they have fared in a spade contract?