

Well I Do Declare! 92: Quiz

Board 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 9 7

♥ A 8 4 2

♦ A Q 10 7

♣ 10



♠ Q 3

♥ K J 9 7

♦ 8 6 3

♣ A 9 7 3

West North East South

1♣ Pass

1♠ Dbl 2♣ 2♥

2♠ 3♥ All pass

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

Q2: What do you know about each defender's hand from the bidding?

West leads 5♣, and you capture East's Jack with your Ace, trick 1 going
5♣: 5-10-J-A

Q3: What are your general thoughts about the play in each suit?

Q4: What are your thoughts about the communication between the hands?

Q5: What's the biggest risk suggested by the auction?

Q6: How exactly do you play?

Post Mortem

Q7: How was the defence?

Q8: Do you agree with the opposition's bidding decisions?

Q9: How would they have fared in a club or spade contract?

Board 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 7 6

♥ A K Q 10 7

♦ J

♣ Q 5 3



♠ 10 9 5 4

♥ 4

♦ A K Q 8 5

♣ K J 9

West North East South

1♦

Pass 1♥ Pass 1♠

Pass 4♠ All pass

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding decisions?

West leads 7♣ and East, after going into the tank, produces the 10♣ which you win with your King - Trick 1 going 7♣: 7-3-10-K

Q2: What is your only chance to avoid 3 trump losers and a club loser?

Suppose you choose to play three rounds of hearts immediately, you will

find the both opponents follow suit while you discard two clubs.

Trick 2 - you lead 4♥: 4-6-A-3

Trick 3 - dummy leads K♥: K♥-8♥-9♣-5♥

Trick 4 - dummy leads Q♥: Q♥-J♥-J♣-2♥

Q3: What is the remaining heart position?

You play a round of trumps, losing to West's Ace. West continues with another club, East playing the Ace which you ruff. On the next trump round, West discards and East wins her Queen, followed by a low diamond.

Trick 5: dummy leads 6♠: 6-2-10-A

Trick 6: West leads 6♣: 6♣-5♣-A♣-4♠

Trick 7: you lead 5♠: 5♠-2♣-J♠-Q♠

Trick 8: East leads 2♦-?

Q4: What is the remaining trump position?

Q5: What are your thoughts about the club position?

Q6: How do you play from here?

Post Mortem

Q7: What would you have led from West's hand?

Q8: Do you sympathise with East's defensive mistake at Trick 1?

Board 3

South Deals

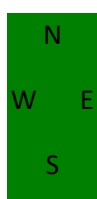
E-W Vul

♠ K 10 9 3 2

♥ A Q 10 9

♦ 10 5

♣ 9 2



♠ A 8

♥ 8 6 3

♦ A K 9 7 6

♣ A K 10

West North East South

1♦

Pass 1♠ Pass 2NT¹

Pass 3♣² Pass 3♦³

Pass 3NT All pass

1. 18-19
2. checkback Stayman
3. not 3s or 4H

Q1: How does Checkback Stayman work, and when is it best employed?

Q2: Given the above, do you agree with the NS bidding sequence?

West kicks off with 7♣, and you win East's Queen with your Ace - Trick 1
- West leads 7♣: 7-2-Q-A

Q3: What is the location of the J♣?

Q3: You have scope to build tricks in spades, hearts or diamonds - which is best to attack first and why?

Suppose you choose the spades, you will find that West started with Qx and you choose to knock out East's winner:

Trick 2: you lead A♠: A-5-2-7

Trick 3: you lead 8♠: 8-Q-K-6

Trick 4: dummy leads 10♠: 10♠-J♠-3♥-2♥

East continues clubs and you duck a round before winning the club continuation from West.

Trick 5: East leads 4♣: 4-10-J-9

Trick 6: West leads 3♣: 3♣-9♥-8♣-A♣

Q4: How many tricks can you definitively score from this point?

Q5: Can you gun for more; and is there risk associated with this line?

Q6: How specifically do you play from here?

Post Mortem

Q7: How was the defence?