

Well I Do Declare! 93: Quiz

Board 1 ♠ J 7
South Deals ♥ K 7 6 4 3 2
None Vul ♦ A 8 6 3
 ♣ 10



♠ K 10 9
♥ A 9 5
♦ K 9 4
♣ K 8 6 4

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

1. 12-14
2. hearts

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

West leads 4♠ to East's Ace who returns a small spade.

Trick 1: West leads 4♠: 4-7-A-9

Trick 2: East returns 6♠: 6-?

Q2: What are your thoughts about the spade position, and do you choose to rise with your King it play low?

Say you rise with the King, rightly or wrongly, then Trick 2 completes: 6♠: 6-K-5-J

Q3: Do you agree that if the trumps break 2-2 you are cold for your contract, and that it must be right to move to trumps now?

When you play on trumps you will find that West started with 3 and East 1, so you have an inevitable trump loser.

Q4: What are your thoughts about the minor suits, and how can you combine chances to give yourself the best chance of making the contract?

Q5: Given the above, in what order is it best to play the Ace and King of Trumps at Tricks 3 & 4?

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Q6: What do you think of the opposition bidding?

Q7: How would East have fared in a spade contract?

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



♠ J 9
 ♥ K 3 2
 ♦ A K J 6 2
 ♣ K J 9

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1NT ¹
Pass	2♣ ²	Pass	3NT ³

All pass

1. 15-17
2. puppet Stayman
3. max, no 4CM

Explanatory bidding notes: Puppet Stayman in response to 1NT is a variation on ordinary Stayman which uncovers both a 4 and 5 card major (this has the upside of locating 5-3-3-2 hand types with a five card major, but loses some weak uses of Stayman)

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

West leads 5♥, East winning the Ace and continuing the suit. You decide to hold up, then win your King on the third round.

Trick 1: West leads 5♥: 5-7-A-2

Trick 2: East leads J♥: J-3-6-8

Trick 3: East leads 9♥: 9♥-K♥-10♥-4♦

Q2: Do you agree with South's decision to hold up on the second round of hearts?

Q3: Do you agree that declarer must take a risk in either diamonds or spades?

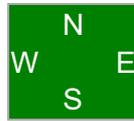
Q4: What are the options for playing these suits, and what do you consider the upsides and downsides of each to be?

Q5: How exactly do you play from here?

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Q6: How was the defence, and in particular do you notice West's rather canny carding?

Board 3 ♠ J 8 6 5
 South Deals ♥ J
 E-W Vul ♦ J 5 4 3
 ♣ A Q 10 2



♠ A 9
 ♥ Q 10 8
 ♦ A K 10 9 6 2
 ♣ 9 5

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

All pass

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding sequence?

The opposition play three rounds of hearts and you choose to discard two spades from dummy.

Trick 1: West leads 4♥: 4-J-A-8

Trick 2: East leads 2♥: 2♥-10♥-K♥-5♠

Trick 3: West leads 3♥: 3♥-6♠-6♥-Q♥

You play off A♦, both opponents following low

Trick 4: you lead A♦: A-7-3-8

Q2: How many tricks are you now assured of?

Q3: What should your general plan be from here?

You choose to run off another five diamond tricks, and it is time to watch the discards carefully.

From your hand, let's say you discard another spade and a small club on the fifth and sixth round.

West will follow to the second diamond round, then discard: 3♣, then 4♣, then

6 ♣, then 5 ♥

East, who started with only 1 diamond has to find 5 discards which are: 8 ♣, 7 ♥, 3 ♠, 7 ♣, 4 ♠

Q4: You are entitled to ask the opponents about the discarding agreement, and are told that they play Standard Attitude (high encouraging)?

Q5: What are your thoughts about the end position?

Q6: How do you play from here?

Post Mortem

Q7: Would you have bid as EW, and if so how might that have changed the auction?

Q8: How would you have discarded as each opponent on the run of the diamonds?