

Well I Do Declare! 95: Quiz

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8 6

♥ K Q 5 4 3

♦ A 9

♣ 10 2



♠ A Q 7 3

♥ A

♦ K Q 5 2

♣ A K J 8

West North East South

Pass Pass 2♣1

Pass 2♥2 Pass 2NT

Pass 3♠ Pass 4NT3

Pass 5♦4 Pass 6♠

All pass

1. big hand
2. natural, decent hand

- 3. RKCB
- 4. 1 keycard

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding sequence?

West leads 7♣, you put up the 10 from dummy and capture East's Queen:

Trick 1: West leads 7♣: 7-10-Q-A

Q2: What's your general plan from here?

One line is to continue:

Trick 2: you lead A♥: A-8-3-2

Trick 3: you lead 2♦: 2-7-A-3

Trick 4: dummy leads J♠: J-2-3-4

Q3: Do you agree with the declarer play so far?

Q4: With the Jack of Spades winning, how confident are you feeling?

At Trick 5, you get a nasty shock:

Trick 5: dummy leads 10♠-4♦-?

Q5: The hand is not looking quite as rosy now - what exactly are West's remaining trumps?

West wins Trick 5, and continues J♦

Trick 5 completes: 10♠-4♦-7♠-K♠

Trick 6: West leads J♦: J-9-6-K

Q6: What are your thoughts about the hand now and how specifically do you continue?

Post Mortem

Q7: Could you have made the contract?

Q8: How was the defence?

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 9

♥ A 7 2

♦ A K 10 6 4 2

♣ J 8 5



♠ A Q 10 6 4 3

♥ Q 10 9 8 5 3

♦ 3

♣ —

West North East South

Pass 1♠

3♣ 3♦ Pass 4♥

All pass

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding?

West kicks off with the A♣ which you ruff

Trick 1: West leads A♣: A♣-5♣-9♣-3♥

Q2: What is your general declarer play plan for the hand, and how specifically do you start?

Post Mortem

Q3: Do you agree with the opposition bidding?

Q4: How would they have fared in a club contract?

Board 3

East Deals

E-W Vul

♠ K 9 7

♥ K Q 4 3

♦ A K Q 3

♣ 10 7



♠ Q 4

♥ 10 9 8 7 5 2

♦ 10 5 4 2

♣ K

West North East South

1♣ 2♥1

Dbl 4♥ 4♠ Pass

Pass 5♥ Dbl All pass

1. weak

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding sequence?

West leads Q♣, which East overtakes with the Ace.

East continues a club which you ruff.

You play a low trump, West showing out, and East winning.

Trick 1: West leads Q♣: Q-7-A-K

Trick 2: East leads 3♣: 3♣-2♥-6♣-10♣

Trick 3: You lead 5♥: 5♥-8♣-K♥-A♥

Q2: What is the remaining heart position?

East, after going into the tank, leads a small diamond: you try the 10 which is covered and win in dummy, then cash a master trump

Trick 4: East leads 7♦: 7-10-J-A

Trick 5: Dummy leads Q♥: Q♥-6♥-7♥-3♠

You play a top diamond from dummy, East showing out but choosing not to play his master trump

Trick 6: Dummy leads K♦: K♦-8♠-2♦-8♦

Q3: How many tricks can you afford to lose at this vulnerability for the sacrifice to be sound?

Q4: How many remaining losers are you staring at?

Q5: What is your best chance to disappear one of these, and does it depend on the position of the Ace of Spades?

Post Mortem

Q6: What do you think of the opposition bidding?

Q7: Is Four Spades making their way?