

Well I Do Declare! 99: Quiz

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



♠ A K Q 6 4
♥ 10 8
♦ K Q 8 7
♣ A Q

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	2 NT ¹
Pass	3 ♣ ²	Pass	3 ♠ ³
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	

1. 20-22
2. Puppet Stayman
3. 5+S

Explanatory bidding note: your side is playing Puppet Stayman, after which opener shows a 5 card major by bidding it (as here); a 4 card major by bidding 3 ♦ and no major suit holdings by responding 3 NT.

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

West leads 10♦, overtaken by East's Ace who switches to a trump.

Trick 1: West leads 10♦: 10-4-A-7

Trick 2: East leads 5♠: 5-A-3-7

Q2: How many of the remaining 12 tricks might you score if everything goes smoothly?

Q3: How do you maximise your chances of overtricks while taking only minimal risks?

Q4: How specifically do you play from here?

Post Mortem

Q5: What would you have led as West?

Q6: How would the play have continue had East played low at Trick 1?

Q7: How does 3 NT fare?

Board 2 ♠ 8 6 3
 North Deals ♥ Q
 N-S Vul ♦ A 7 6
 ♣ A K J 8 7 6



♠ K Q J 10 9
 ♥ A K 6 3
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ 5 4

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

Q1: Do you agree with the stated NS bidding sequence?

West starts with a trump won by East, who continues another trump, East discarding a low diamond which they play as encouraging.

Trick 1: West leads 2 ♠: 2-3-A-9

Trick 2: East leads 4 ♠: 4 ♠-K♠-2 ♦(encouraging)-6 ♠

Q2: What is the remaining trump position?

Q3: What do you presume about the diamond position?

Q4: Do you agree that you are cold for 10 tricks?

Q5: What are your general ideas about making overtricks, and what are the odds of achieving this?

Q6: What specifically is the best line from here?

Post Mortem

Q7: What would you have led as West?

Board 3 ♠ J 8 7 4 3

South Deals ♥ 8 6

E-W Vul ♦ 10 7 3

♣ 8 6 4



♠ Q 10

♥ 7 5 2

♦ A 8 5 4

♣ A K J 10

West North East South

1♣

Dbl All pass

Explanatory bidding note: you are playing a strong NT system.

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

West kicks off with the A♥ (encouraged), but switches to K♦.

Trick 1: West leads A♥: A-6-9(encouraging)-2

Trick 2: West leads K♦: K-3-2-?

Q2: How many points do the opponents have between them?

Q3: How many tricks are you gunning for?

Q4: What has the bidding and play so far revealed about both opponents' hands?

Q5: What is your general plan from here?

Suppose you choose to win Trick 2 and continue a heart, the play now goes:

Trick 2 completes K♦: K-3-2-A

Trick 3: you lead 5♥: 5-K-8-4

Trick 4: West leads Q♦: Q♦-7♦-9♠ (encouraging)-4♦

Trick 5: West leads J♦: J♦-10♦-6♠-5♦

Trick 6: West leads 9♦-?

Q6: How do you continue from here?

Post Mortem

Q7: How was the opposition bidding?

Q8: How was the opposition defence?

Q9: What is their highest scoring contract?