

Counsel for the Defence 62 – Quiz

Board 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 2

♥ Q 10 9 5

♦ Q 2

♣ A K 8 5



♠ 10 8 5 3

♥ 8 2

♦ A 3

♣ Q J 10 9 3

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

4 ♥ All pass

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- weak

Q1: Which opening leads do you consider, and which do you choose?

Suppose, rightly or wrongly, you plump for the A♦, you see Trick 1 go: A♦: A-2-4-9 (partner's 4♦ being discouraging)

You switch to Q♣, Trick 2 going: Q♣: Q-A-6-2

Declarer plays two rounds of trumps, partner winning the second:

Trick 3: Dummy leads 5♥: 5-7-K-2

Trick 4: Declarer leads 3♥: 3-8-Q-A

Partner plays a low diamond, declarer winning - Trick 5: 5♦: 5-K-3-Q

Q2: What is the remaining diamond position?

Now declarer cashes a master club and concedes a club

Trick 6: Declarer leads 4♣: 4♣-3♣-K♣-6♦

Trick 7: Dummy leads 5♣: 5♣-7♦-7♣-9♣

Q3: What is the remaining club position?

Q4: How do you defend from here?

Post Mortem

Q5: Do you agree with each of the other players' bidding decisions?

Q6: Did you, in retrospect make the best opening lead?

Q7: Could declarer have played better?

Board 2

East Deals

N-S Vul

♠ 7 6 5 2
♥ J 6 5 3
♦ K
♣ A J 10 8



♠ Q 10 8 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ 8 7 5
♣ K 7 2

West	North	East	South
		1NT ¹	All pass

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The auction is short and uninformative.

You choose a 4th highest spade, and see Trick 1 go: 3 ♠: 3-2-K-A

Q1: How many points does partner hold?

At Trick 2, declarer leads the Q♣.

Q2: Do you cover, or play low?

Post Mortem

Q3: Do you agree with declarer's decision to win Trick 1?

Q4: Having done so, do you agree with declarer's decision to start on the club suit?

Board 3

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ A K 6 4 3

♥ 8

♦ K 10 9 7

♣ J 9 4



♠ Q 10 7 2

♥ A J 5 4

♦ Q 4 2

♣ 10 6

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

Q1: What had partner shown when he doubled?

Q2: Do you agree with South's decisions in the auction?

Q3: What opening leads do you consider, and which do you choose?

Suppose you try a small diamond, you see the first trick go: 2♦: 2-7-J-3

Q4: What do you know about the remaining diamond position?

Partner switches to a small trump, declarer winning and clearing your side's trumps with a second round.

Trick 2: partner leads 3♣: 3-A-6-4

Trick 3: declarer leads K♣: K-10-9-Q

Now declarer plays off dummy's two spade masters, throwing a heart on the second round.

Trick 4: declarer leads 5♠: 5-7-A-8

Trick 5: dummy leads K♠: K♠-9♠-3♥-2♠

Q5: What do you know about the remaining spade position?

Now the heart in dummy is led to declarer's King and your Ace - Trick 6: dummy leads 8♥: 8-7-K-A

Q6: What are your thoughts about the remaining heart position?

Q7: How do you defend from here?

Post Mortem

Q8: What do you think of the other players' decisions in the auction?

Q9: What do you think of partner's switch to 3♣ at Trick 2?

Q10: Could declarer have played better?