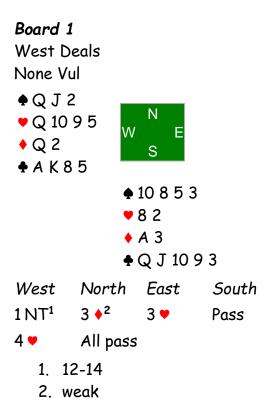
Counsel for the Defence 62 – Quiz



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

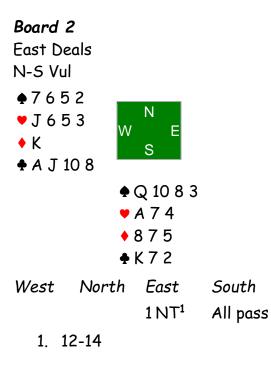
Trick 6: Declarer leads 4 4: 4 4-3 4-K4-6 🔸

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?



The auction is short and uninformative.

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

Q1: How many points does partner hold?

At Trick 2, declarer leads the $Q \clubsuit$.

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 | | | |
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| | • | Q 10 7 2 A J 5 4 Q 4 2 10 6 | |
| West | North Pass | East 1 ♣ | South 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 \oplus at Trick 2?
- Q10: Could declarer have played better?