

Counsel for the Defence 74 – Quiz

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul



♠ 9 7 5
♥ K 10 9 3
♦ A J 3
♣ 7 5 4

♠ A J 10 3
♥ Q 8 7 6 5
♦ K 9 7
♣ 6

West	North	East	South
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	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
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5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
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All pass

Q1: Do you agree with South's choices in the auction?

Partner leads K♠, and you decide to overtake and continue the suit, declarer ruffing the second round.

Trick 1: partner leads K♠: K-5-A-8

Trick 2: you lead J♠: J♠-2 ♣-2 ♠-7 ♠

Q2: Do you agree with South's defence so far?

Declarer draws a round of trumps, partner discarding 2 ♦

Trick 3: Declarer leads A♣: A♣-2 ♦-4 ♣-6 ♣

Q3: What is the remaining club position?

Q4: How many cards does declarer now hold outside trumps?

Now declarer leads the 10♦ from hand, playing low from dummy

Trick 4: Declarer leads 10♦: 10-5-3-?

Q5: What is declarer up to?

Q6: Which unseen high cards can you place?

Q7: How do you defend from here?

Post Mortem

Q8: Do you agree with the bidding decisions of all the other players?

Q9: Could declarer have made her contract?

Q10: How does your partner fare in a spade contract?

Board 2

East Deals

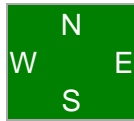
N-S Vul

♠ 10 3

♥ 6 2

♦ J 10 7 5 3

♣ K 5 3 2



♠ A J 4

♥ Q 10

♦ A 9 4

♣ Q J 10 8 4

West	North	East	South
		1 NT	All pass

Q1: Would you have bid as South?

Trick 1: You lead Q♣: Q-K-A-6

Trick 2: Partner leads 5♥: 5-A-10-2

Q3: How many points does partner hold?

Q4: What do you presume the club position to be?

Now declarer leads K♦

Q5: Should you take this or duck this, and if the latter, how will partner's choice of diamond help you decide whether to take it on the next round or not?

You let the first diamond round ride - declarer leading K♦: K-4-3-2

Now declarer leads Q♦.

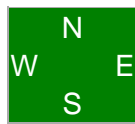
Q6: How do you defend from here?

Post Mortem

Q7: How could declarer have played better?

Q8: Would you have bid as North?

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul



♠ J 8 6
♥ J 8 3
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ A Q 5

♠ K Q 10 7
♥ K Q 10 4
♦ 7 5
♣ 10 4 2

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

1. constructive S raise

Q1: Do you agree with South's cuebid?

Q2: What actions would you have considered as South after East bid Four Hearts, and which would you have chosen?

Partner starts with A♠ which you encourage, and continues another spade which declarer ruffs.

Trick 1: partner leads A♠: A-6-10-2

Trick 2: partner leads 3 ♠: 3 ♠-8♠-Q♠-2 ♥

Q3: What is the remaining spade position?

Declarer plays a small trump from hand and plays low from dummy - you win with your 10.

Trick 3: declarer leads 6 ♥: 6-5-3-10

Q4: What is the remaining trump position?

Q5: Can you place the minor suit Kings?

Q6: What is your general defensive plan from here, and what do you lead to Trick 4?

Post Mortem

Q7: Do you agree with the opposition's bidding decisions?

Q8: Could declarer have done better?