

Well I Do Declare! 71: Quiz

Board 1 ♠ 9 8 2
North Deals ♥ K 9 8
None Vul ♦ K J
 ♣ J 10 4 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 3
♥ Q J 10 7 4 2
♦ A Q
♣ 8 7

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding sequence?

West leads 10♦

Q2: What are your thoughts about the losers / potential losers in each suit?

Q3: What is your basic plan to try and make your contract?

Q4: What is the best order of play, and how specifically do you start?

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Q5: If the defenders could see all four hands, there is a simple plan to defeat the contract - what is it?

Q6: Should EW have found this defence?

Board 2 ♠ 7 6 4
 East Deals ♥ K
 N-S Vul ♦ K J 10 5 4 2
 ♣ Q 9 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

 ♠ A 9
 ♥ Q 10 2
 ♦ A Q 7 6
 ♣ A 7 6 4

West	North	East	South
		1♠	1NT
Pass	3NT	All pass	

A note on pausing: in the auction, East thought long and hard after North's 3 NT call before eventually choosing to Pass. You are entitled to make inferences about the opposition hands from this sort of information (though not about your partner's which is easier said than done . . .)

Q1: Do you agree with the NS auction?

Q2: What might East have been thinking about?

West leads the 8♠, East winning the Ten at Trick 1 which you hold up. East continues the K♠, West following with the 2.

Trick 1: West leads 8♠: 8-4-10-9

Trick 2: East leads K♠: K-A-2-6

Q3: What are your thoughts about the spade position?

Q4: What are your thoughts about the location of the Ace of Hearts and King of Clubs?

Q5: Are you feeling optimistic about your chances or not?

You decide to run off your six easy diamond tricks and watch discards carefully.

Q6: Do you agree with this general approach?

East was dealt no diamonds so has to find six discards, which in trick order go:

3 ♥ (encouraging), 7 ♥, 8 ♥, 5 ♣, 3 ♠ and after considerable thought on the sixth discard East parts with 5 ♠

[For the record, West follows to the first three rounds of diamonds, then parts with 2 hearts and 1 club; and you have parted with 1 heart and 1 club from hand]

Q7: What do you know / presume to be East's remaining holding?

Q8: How do you play from here?

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Q9: Would you have taken any further part in the auction as East?

Q10: How might the play have gone if East had discarded differently?

Board 3 ♠ K Q 8 6 3

South Deals ♥ 7 4

E-W Vul ♦ A 6 5

♣ 8 6 3



♠ A 7

♥ A 8 2

♦ K Q J

♣ A K Q 9 5

West North East South

2 ♣¹

2 ♥ 2 ♠ Pass 2 NT

Pass 6 NT All pass

1. big hand

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding choices?

West leads K♥

Q2: How many top tricks do you have, and where are your chances for more?

Q3: What are the odds you can make 13 tricks? What are the odds you can make 12 tricks?

Q4: What are the pros and cons of ducking Trick 1?

Q5: Whether or not you win the first or second heart round, what is the best order of play and why?

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Q5: Do you agree with West's intervention in the bidding?

Q6: How was the defence?