

Well I Do Declare! 72: Quiz

Board 1 ♠ K 7 6 4 3

South Deals ♥ 8

None Vul ♦ 9 8 7 5 4

♣ 5 2



♠ A 10 5

♥ A K J 7

♦ A Q J 10 2

♣ 7

West North East South

1 ♦

Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♣ 2 ♥

Pass 3 ♦ Pass 5 ♦

All pass

Q1: Do you agree with the bidding decisions that South made?

Q2: Now that you see the dummy, do you agree with his actions?

West leads J♣, East winning and continuing the suit.

You decide to cash a top heart, ruff a heart and take a trump finesse which turns out to be successful:-

Trick 1: West leads J♣: J-2-A-7

Trick 2: East leads 3♣: 3♣-10♦-9♣-5♣

Trick 3: You lead A♥: A-2-8-3

Trick 4: You lead 7♥: 7♥-4♥-9♦-5♥

Trick 5: Dummy leads 8♦: 8-3-2-6

Q3: Do you agree with declarer's play so far?

Q4: How many tricks are you assured of from this point?

Q5: What's your plan from here?

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Q6: Do you agree with the opposition's bidding decisions?

Q7: How was the defence?

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

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 ♠ A 10 9 8 7
 ♥ A K Q 10 7 4 2
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 ♣ A

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2 ♣ ¹
Pass	3 ♣ ²	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	6 ♥

All pass

1. big hand
2. natural, some values

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding sequence?

West leads K♦.

Q2: It looks at first sight as if the number of tricks made will simply depend on the breaks in the major suits. What are the odds of a 3-2 break in both, in one, or in neither?

Q3: There is another idea, which is rather unintuitive. What is it, and does it give you better or worse chances than simply launching into trumps followed by spades?

Q4: How exactly do you play?

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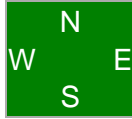
Q5: If you chose to open the South hand with 1♥, then how might the subsequent auction unfold?

Board 3 ♠ Q 8 5 4 3

South Deals ♥ 9

E-W Vul ♦ J 7

♣ A 6 5 4 3



♠ A 10 7 6 2

♥ J 10 8 7 5

♦ K 5

♣ 10

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

1. 5/5 in S and a minor

Bidding point: your partnership are playing the 'Michael's Cuebid' convention in which a cuebid of the opposition major shows 5/5 in the other major and one of the minors. It usually shows a weak hand, although there are different partnership agreements about the strength of the bid.

Q1: Given this, do you agree with South's fast raise to Four Spades?

West leads 3 ♦ and the first trick goes 3 ♦: 3-7-A-5

East thinks a while, then switches to the 9♣.

Q2: What are your thoughts about the possible trump layouts?

Q3: What is your general declarer play plan?

Q4: How specifically do you continue?

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

Q6: Could the contract have been defeated?