

Counsel for the Defence 96 – Quiz

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 2

♥ Q 10 2

♦ A Q J 3

♣ A 9 6 3



♠ Q 10 8 3

♥ J 7 6 5

♦ 8 7

♣ K Q 10

West North East South

Pass 1NT¹ Pass

3NT All pass

1. 12-14

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

Say you opt for 3♠, your side wins the first two tricks:

Trick 1: you leads 3♠: 3-2-A-7

Trick 2: partner leads 4♠: 4-J-Q-6

Q2: How many points does partner have?

Q3: What could the remaining spade positions be?

Q4: Do you continue spades now or switch and if so to what?

Post Mortem

Q5: Could declarer have made the contract?

Board 2 ♠ 8 5 4 2
 East Deals ♥ Q 5
 N-S Vul ♦ Q 8 6 5
 ♣ 9 7 6

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♠ A 7 3
 ♥ K 10 8 6
 ♦ J 10 9 4
 ♣ 5 3

West	North	East	South
		2 NT ¹	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	All pass		
1. 20-22			

East arrives in 3 NT having shown a balanced 20-22 count with no 4 card major.

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

Suppose you lead J♦, and see the first trick going J-5-2-A

Q2: What are your thoughts about the diamond position (if our side is playing standard attitude).

Q3: How many points does partner hold?

Declarer takes AK and another club:

Trick 2: declarer lead A♣: A-5-6-8

Trick 3: declarer leads K♣: K-3-7-J

Trick 4: declarer leads 2♣: 2♣-?-?

Q4: What are your thoughts about the club position at this point (there are two possibilities)?

Q5: What do you discard on this trick, and why?

Q6: What are your general thoughts about the rest of the defence, and if and when you score your K♥, how will you continue?

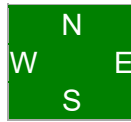
Post Mortem

Q7: Did you choose the right lead in retrospect?

Q8: Could the contract have made?

Board 3
 North Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ A Q J
 ♥ K
 ♦ K J 10 5 2
 ♣ K 10 3 2



♠ 10 8 5
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ A 8 7 3
 ♣ A Q 9 7

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

1. weak

Q1: The auction is quite spicy - would you have doubled the final contract as South (for context, partner's non-vulnerable Weak Twos can be extremely fruity)?

You lead partner's suit, and declarer wins in dummy

Trick 1 - you lead 3 ♥: 3-K-9-5

Q2: What are your thoughts about the heart position?

Declarer moves to trumps, partner discarding on the first round.

Trick 2: dummy leads 2 ♦: 2 ♦-3 ♠-Q ♦-?

Q3: What do you know about the diamond position?

Q4: If playing Standard Attitude, can you place the K♠?

Q5: When in principle is it best to take your Ace in this sort of situation, and are there exceptions?

You choose to withhold your master trump this round and the next, taking the Ace on the 3rd round.

Trick 2 completes: 2 ♦-3 ♠-Q♦-3 ♦
Trick 3: declarer leads 4 ♦-7 ♦-10♦-4 ♠
Trick 4: dummy leads K♦-4 ♥-6 ♦-A♦

Q6: What do you do next?

Suppose you play your last trump - Trick 5: you lead 8♦: 8♦-5♦-6♥-9♦

Now declarer cashes three rounds of spades, ending in hand, then cashes the A♥, then leads the J♣

Trick 6: declarer leads 2 ♠: 2-5-A-6
Trick 7: dummy leads Q♠: Q-9-7-8
Trick 8: dummy leads J♠: J♠-5♣-K♠-10♠
Trick 9: declarer leads A♥: A♥-2♥-2♣-10♥
Trick 10: declarer leads J♣: J-?

Q7: How do you defend from here?

Post Mortem

Q8: What do you think of the opposition bidding?

Q9: Could the contract have made?