

## Well I Do Declare! 70: Quiz

**Board 1**      ♠ 10 4 3  
North Deals    ♥ Q 7 6 2  
None Vul      ♦ Q 7 6 3  
                 ♣ 9 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT <sup>1</sup>
All pass			

1. 18-19

Q1: Do you agree with the NS bidding sequence?

West leads 2♠, and you decide to hold up your Ace until the 3rd Trick.

Trick 1: West leads 2♠: 2-3-K-6

Trick 2: East leads 8♠: 8-9-J-4

Trick 3: West leads Q♠: Q-10-5-A

Q2: Do you agree with the hold up for this many tricks?

Q3: How likely is it that you can score 3 heart tricks? What would need to happen for this to come to pass?

Q4: How likely is it that you can score 5 club tricks? What would need to happen for this to come to pass? Same question for 4 club tricks?

Q5: Given the above what should your general approach be? How specifically do you continue the play?

## Post Mortem

Q6: Do you agree with West's opening lead?

Q7: Could the defence have prevailed?

**Board 2**     ♠ K 8 7 6  
 East Deals    ♥ A 5 4  
 N-S Vul        ♦ A 10 6 4  
                   ♣ K 7  

	N	
W		E
	S	

  
                   ♠ J 5  
                   ♥ Q J 10 7 2  
                   ♦ Q 7  
                   ♣ A Q 6 3

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♥	All pass	

Q1: The first three bids of the partnership are routine, the main judgement being whether North should call 4 Hearts or 3 NT at his second turn. What are your thoughts?

West leads 10♣.

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

Q3: What is the best order of play to maximise your chances of success?

Q4: How specifically do you begin?

### Post Mortem

Q5: How was the defence?

Q6: How would 3 NT have fared as a contract?

**Board 3**      ♠ A 10 7 6 5 2  
 South Deals    ♥ Q 5  
 E-W Vul        ♦ 10 8 3  
                  ♣ 9 6

N	
W	E
S	

                 ♠ J 8  
                  ♥ A  
                  ♦ A 7  
                  ♣ A K Q J 7 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣ <sup>1</sup>
2 ♦	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT <sup>2</sup>
Pass	5 ♦ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	6 NT
Dbl	All pass		

1. big hand
2. RKCB
3. 1 keycard

Q1: You have a tricky hand to bid. What do you think about South's stated choices?

You receive the K♦ lead from West.

Q2: What are your thoughts about West's diamond holding?

Q3: What are your thoughts about the remainder of West's hand?

Q4: How many top tricks do you have?

Q5: What is your general plan? How specifically do you play? [If you would like some hints, look below the Post Mortem]

**Post Mortem**

Q6: Do you agree with the bidding decisions of the other players?

Q7: Could the defence have prevailed?

## Hints

- Your massive club suit will put the opposition under immense discarding pressure, and you have excellent chances for a squeeze
- There are four conditions for a squeeze to mature by force:
  - a) you need two 'threat cards' or 'menaces' and for the same defender to be guarding against both of these. Identify these straight away.
  - b) you need one or both of these to lie in the hand following the squeezed defender, and opposite the squeeze suit
  - c) you need communication between the hands. Identify the key communication card.
  - d) you need to 'rectify' the count, which means losing any inevitable losers early. When squeezing for the twelfth trick, this means losing one trick early in the play. How?