

Well I Do Declare! 78: Quiz

Board 1 ♠ J 4 2
North Deals ♥ A K 7 2
None Vul ♦ A Q J 6
 ♣ A 10



♠ A 10
♥ J 10 6
♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q J 7 6 4

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

Q1: Partner quickly raises you to game. Now you see his hand, do you agree with his bidding decisions (your side is playing 5 card majors fyi)

West leads 3 ♠ (fourth highest), and you capture East's Queen.

Trick 1: West leads 3 ♠: 3-2-Q-A

Q2: Do you agree with the decision to win the Queen at Trick 1?

Q3: What do you know about the spade position?

Q4: You could reasonably play on hearts, diamonds or clubs. What are the respective merits of each, and which would you choose?

Say you choose to lead J ♥, Trick 2 goes: J ♥: J-Q-A-5

Q5: Supposing you can knock out the King of Clubs - how many tricks would you expect to score?

You continue with the Ace of Clubs and then the Ten, the opponents holding up their King.

Trick 3: Dummy leads A ♣: A-8-4-5

Trick 4: Dummy leads 10 ♣: 10-2-6-3

Q6: How do you feel about the opposition's hold up play in clubs?

Q7: How do you continue from here?

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Q8: How was the defence?

Board 2 ♠ K 7
 East Deals ♥ A 8 2
 N-S Vul ♦ K Q 7 2
 ♣ A K J 8

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♠ A J 10 8 6 5 4
 ♥ K J
 ♦ 10 8 5
 ♣ Q

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	4 ♠ ¹
Pass	4 NT ²	Pass	5 ♦ ³
Pass	6 ♠	All pass	

1. min, 7+ S
2. RKCB
3. 1/4
keycards

Q1a: How do you play a rebid of 4-of-a-major after partner's 2-over-1 response?

Q1b: If you choose to agree that it shows a minimum opening hand in terms of points, but with a 7 card suit, do you agree with the NS bidding decisions?

West leads 10♣, which you win in hand - Trick 1: 10♣: 10-8-3-Q

Q2: Do you agree that if you can draw the trumps without a loser, you are cold for 13 tricks?

Q3: What are the different layouts you can play for to draw trumps? How specifically do you broach the suit?

Q4: Supposing you have a trump loser, how might you still make your slam and what piece of luck will you need?

Q5: Having received a club, rather than diamond, lead, what are the odds of success?

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Q6: If West had found a diamond lead, would the contract have failed?

Q7: What would you have led as West?

Board 3		♠ K Q 9 6 2	
South Deals		♥ Q 6	
E-W Vul		♦ Q J 6	
		♣ A 6 5	
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		♠ A J 5	
		♥ A J 10 5 3	
		♦ 9 4 2	
		♣ K Q	
West	North	East	South
			1 NT ¹
Pass	3 NT	All pass	
1. 15-17			

Q1: Why didn't partner mention his five card major?

West leads 8♠ (if you ask about their agreements, they play fourth highest from fair suits, and second highest from poor holdings).

Q2: What are your thoughts about the spade position?

Q3: How many tricks do you hope to score in each suit?

Q4: How specifically do you play to maximise your chances?

Post Mortem

Q5: What would you have led as West?