

Pros' Answers to Weekly Bridge Quiz #7
February 16, 2019

Question 1: Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – A J 4 3 2 H – K Q J 2 D – 9 5 C – K 4

South	West	North	East
1S	2D	2S	3D
?			

What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: Bid 3 Hearts. We think this hand is just barely worth a game try, and 3 Hearts is the only available try. It is a general try, not specific to hearts.

* * * * *

Question 2: North - South vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – A J 9 6 H – K J 9 4 D – A C – 10 5 4 2

North	East	South	West
1D	1S	Db1*	Pass
2C	Pass	?	

* Negative Double

What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: You tried to find a heart fit and didn't find one. You were never looking for a club fit, so don't get sidetracked at this point. Bid 3 No Trump.

* * * * *

Question 3: East - West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S – 9 7 3 2 H – A D – J 10 6 5 2 C – K 6 4

Partner (North) opens 1 Heart and right-hand opponent (East) makes a Takeout Double. As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: You usually ignore a Takeout Double and make the same bid you would have made without the double. Bid 1 Spade.

* * * * *

Question 4: Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – Q 6 H – K Q J 7 5 4 D – 9 4 C – A 7 3

South	West	North	East
1H	Pass	2D	Pass
2H	Pass	3C	Pass
?			

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Partner is advertising weakness in spades, so don't bid no trump with such a weak spade holding. Bid 3 Hearts.

Question 5: North – South vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – Q 6 3 2 H – K 8 D – Q 9 8 4 C – J 6 4

North	East	South	West
1D	1H	Db1*	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

* Negative Double

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: This auction may not be over. Let partner know you have a diamond fit. Bid 2 Diamonds.

Question 6: East - West vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – K 10 4 H – A 6 4 D – 5 4 3 C – J 9 7 2

Your Partner (North) opens 1 Spade and right-hand opponent (East) bids 2 Spades, showing hearts and a minor, at least 5 – 5. What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: You have to stretch a little to support partner when the auction gets competitive, but this hand is just too weak. Pass.

***** *finis* *****