

**Pros' Answer to Weekly Bridge Quiz #9**  
**March 2, 2019**

**Question 1:** Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – A 7 4                      H – K Q 8 5 3                      D – K Q J                      C – 10 6

Partner (North) opens 1 Diamond and your right-hand opponent (East) overcalls 1 Heart. What call would you make, as South?

**Pros' Answer:** It's tempting to Pass but going for penalties at a low-level when you are probably cold for a game is usually a poor idea. Bid 3 No Trump.

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

S – A 4 3                      H – K J 10 9 6                      D – 9 8 6                      C – Q 4

West	North	East	South
1D	1NT	Pass	?

What call would you make, as South?

**Pros' Answer:** Three low diamonds is a worry, as diamond ruffs are possible against a heart contract. We like the idea of bidding 2 Clubs, Stayman, and only playing in hearts if partner has four of them and playing in 3 No Trump if he doesn't.

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

S – A 10 6 5                      H – Q J 2                      D – 8 7                      C – K Q J 5

Partner (North) opens 1 Heart and your right-hand opponent (East) passes. As South, what call would you make?

**Pros' Answer:** Raising hearts can wait. Bid 1 Spade.

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**Question 4:** Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – Void                    H – K 8 7 5 4                    D – Q 10 8 7 5 4                    C – 8 6

Partner (North) opens 1 No Trump, 15 – 17, and your right-hand opponent (East) passes. As South, what is your plan?

**Pros' Answer:** Bid 2 Diamonds, transferring to hearts. Should partner jump to 3 Hearts, carry on to game. Pass if he bids 2 Hearts.

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

S – Q 10 5 3                    H – J                    D – J 8 7 6                    C – A 9 7 3

North	East	South	West
1C	1H	DBL*	Pass
1NT	2H	?	

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As South, what call would you make?

**Pros' Answer:** You can't sell out at the two-level. Bid 3 Clubs.

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

S – K Q 9 6 4                    H – 9 8                    D – 10 8 3                    C – J 9 7

North	East	South	West
1C	1H	1S	2H
3S	4H	?	

What call would you make, as South?

**Pros' Answer:** We can't be sure exactly who can make what, but we're bidding one more "for the road". Bid 4 Spades.

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