

Pros' Answers: Weekly Bridge Quiz #10

March 9

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

S – 8 3 H – A K Q 6 5 D – Q 3 C – 10 7 4 2

As Dealer (South), what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: This is close, but the excellent five-card major and a likely easy rebid make this hand barely worth an opening bid. Bid 1 Heart.

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

S – A Q 9 2 H – 10 D – A K 8 7 C – A K Q J

<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>
1H	Dbl	Pass	1S
Pass	?		

What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: This hand is too good to just bid 4 Spades. Try a cue bid of 2 Hearts and hope to see some signs of life from partner. You can always bid 4 Spades later.

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

S – K 6 H – J 5 4 D – A K 8 C – K J 10 9 5

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1NT*	Pass	2D**	Pass
2H	Pass	2NT	Pass
?			

* 15 – 17 HCP

** Transfers to hearts

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Partner has an invitational hand with five hearts. You have a minimum in point count, but the ruffing value in spades and the good five-card side suit offer potential. Bid 4 Hearts.

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

S – Q 8 7 5 H – A K D – A 10 8 7 3 2 C – K

Your partner (North) opens 3 Hearts and your right-hand opponent (East) passes. As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Don't get excited --- this hand isn't that good. Bid 4 Hearts, but don't be overconfident that partner will make it.

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

S – A K Q 6 2 H – Q 10 D – 10 7 3 2 C – 7 4

North	East	South	West
1H	Pass	1S	Pass
2H	Pass	?	

As South, what call would you make ?

Pros' Answer: Close between 3 Hearts and 4 Hearts. We like 4 Hearts.

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

S – A Q 10 3 H – K J 2 D – J 10 5 2 C – 9 8

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
?			

What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: Partner might have opened light in third chair, so don't force to game. If you play Drury this is the time to use it with a 2 Club bid. Otherwise, bid 3 Spades, invitational.

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