

Pros' Answers: Weekly Bridge Quiz #12
March 23, 2019

Question 1: Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – A K J 7 4 3 2 H – A 9 4 D – A C – Q J

With the opponents passing throughout, you (South) open 1 Spade and your partner responds 1 No Trump. What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: Good job by you for not opening 2 Clubs. We don't like jump-shifting into a three-card major or, as a matter of fact, a two-card minor. Bid 4 Spades.

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

S – A 9 8 7 3 H – Q 8 2 D – 7 3 C – J 9 8

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

* 15 – 17 HCP

**Transfer to Spades

What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: This hand is not quite good enough to invite game. Pass.

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

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

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

Pros' Answer: This hand has too many flaws to open 1 No Trump: off-shape, suits that are easy to bid naturally, and it's worth more than 17 points. Open 1 Spade.

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Question 4: Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

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

South	West	North	East
1C	Pass	1H	Pass
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What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: Bid 4 Hearts, showing a balanced hand worth about 19 points.

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

S – 10 7 3 H – K 10 9 5 3 D – K J 4 C – K Q

Your right-hand opponent (East) opens 1 Spade. As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: This would be a marginal 2 Heart overcall, but the three little spades behind the 1 Spade opener should convince you to go conservative. Pass.

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

S – A 8 2 H – A D – A K J 8 7 6 C – K 7 3

South	West	North	East
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
?			

What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: This hand is too good to bid 3 Diamonds, so Jump Shift into your club fragment. Bid 3 Clubs.

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