

Pros' Answers to Weekly Bridge Quiz #15
April 13

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

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

Left-hand opponent (West) opens 1 Spade followed by two passes to you. As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Double is reasonable, but 1 No Trump in the balancing seat might show as few as 11 points. With almost half of our values in spades, we like 1 No Trump.

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

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

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

Pros' Answer: Some experts would open 1 Heart to facilitate a rebid. This hand, which could happily raise a 1 Spade response to the two-level, should open 1 Diamond.

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

S – K J 8 6 H – A K 5 2 D – J C – A Q
J 3

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1C	Pass	1D	Pass
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As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: It's a bad idea to Jump Shift with fewer than nine cards in your two suits, especially with a fourth suit that you might want to play in. Bid 1 Heart.

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

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

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1D	Pass	Pass	1NT
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As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Had East bid 2 Clubs, this would be a routine Takeout Double. It's not routine anymore, but we would still Double.

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

S – 5 H – K Q 9 8 2 D – Q 9 8 6 C – K
J 7

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1H	1S	2D	3S*
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* Pre-emptive

As South, what call would you make ?

Pros' Answer: It was a small stretch to open with this hand, but nothing has happened to make your hand worse. Bid 4 Diamonds.

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

S – A 7 6 H – 6 5 2 D – A J 8 2 C –
J 4 2

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

Pros' Answer: Don't overbid hands with 4-3-3-3 distribution. Bid 2 Spades.

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