Pros’ Answers to Weekly Bridge Quiz #18
May 4, 2019

**Question 1:** Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
S – A 10  H – K 9 8 7 4  D – 8 6  C – A 8 6 3

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What call would you make, as South?
Pro’s Answer: 2 Clubs would be Fourth Suit Forcing, an artificial game-force. You are not quite good enough to force to game. Bid 2 No Trump invitational.

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**Question 2:** North - South vulnerable, as South you hold:
S – A Q J 4 2  H – 10 8 7 5  D – 10 8  C – 7 2

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What call would you make, as South?
Pro’s Answer: Double must be played here as penalty to protect yourself from a wise guy who might try and pick off your suit when he has a big diamond fit with his partner. Double!

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**Question 3:** East - West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
S – J 3  H – K Q 10 6  D – 10 8 7  C – K J 10 8

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As South, what call would you make?
Pro’s Answer: You are no longer forced to bid, so any voluntary bid shows reasonable values. No need to jump. Just bid 2 Hearts.
**Question 4:** Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – K 10 5 4 2  
H – Q 9 5 3  
D – A K 6 3  
C – void

Your right-hand opponent (East) opens 1 Club. What call would you make, as South?

**Pros’ Answer:** Double followed by bidding spades shows a big hand. It’s better to bid 1 Spade now and then Double later if the opponents persist in clubs.

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

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

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* Transfer to spades

As South, what call would you make?

**Pros’ Answer:** 16 points, four-card support, and the ruffing value in clubs is more than enough to “super accept” the transfer. Jump to 3 Spades.

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

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

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*natural suit

As South, what call would you make?

**Pros’ Answer:** In the old days, a Double here would be played as a Penalty Double. Modern experts play it as a Takeout Double. We like it. Double.

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