

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

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

What call would you make, as South?

Pros' 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

West	North	East	South
1D	Dbl	1S	?

What call would you make, as South?

Pros' 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

West	North	East	South
1D	Dbl	1S	?

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' 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

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2H*	Pass
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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

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

*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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