

Pros' Answers to Weekly Bridge Quiz #19 May 11, 2019

Question 1: Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

- S – Q 6 2
- H – K J 5 3 2
- D – J 7
- C – Q 10 4

North	East	South	West
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: Bid 3 Clubs: New Minor Forcing. See if Partner has three-card support before settling for 3 No Trump.

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

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

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

Pros' Answer: Bid 1 Heart. Should you have to put this hand down as dummy, slide a Diamond in with your hearts and act surprised if anybody notices.

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

- S – Q 10
- H – A Q J 4
- D – A 8 5 2
- C – K J 10

North	East	South	West
1C	Pass	1H	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Nice hand, but not enough to go slamming when Partner shows 12 - 14. Bid 3 No Trump.

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Question 4: Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – 5 2
H – K Q 10 4 3
D – Q 9 8 6
C – A 10

West	North	East	South
1S	Pass	1NT	?

What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: Unless you want your opponents to learn your telephone number, Pass.

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

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

South	West	North	East
2C*	Pass	2D**	Pass
?			

*Strong, artificial ** Waiting

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: We could have given this as an opening bid problem. We would open 1 Diamond and hope somebody at the table can find a bid. This shows the problem after a 2 Club opening. We would guess to bid 2 No Trump.

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

S – K 9 6 3
H – A K 10 2
D – K 7 6
C – 7 6

Your right-hand opponent (East) opens 1 Diamond.

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: In the old days, you had to Pass with this hand, or bid 1 Heart. Modern experts think it is okay to be off-shape in the other minor with 4-4 in the majors. Double.