

**Pros' Answers to Weekly Bridge Quiz #23
June 8, 2019**

Question 1: Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

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

Three passes to you. Do you open the bidding with this marginal hand?

Pros' Answer: By all means open. Nine cards in the majors is a good thing. Bid 1 Heart.

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

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

Partner (North) opens 1 Heart and right-hand opponent (East) passes. As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: This is very close to an invitational hand, but it falls just short in our opinion. Bid 2 Hearts.

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

S – 8 5 H – A J 5 4 D – 7 5 C – K Q J 5 4

North	East	South	West
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
2S	Pass	2NT	Pass
3D	Pass	?	

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: You have a combined 30 points or so, but you have no good fit and you have no honors in either of partner's two bid suits. So go low. Bid 3 No Trump.

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

S – 10 5 H – K 9 8 D – 5 3 C – K Q J 10 8 4

Partner (North) opens 1 Heart and your right-hand opponent (East) bids 2 Diamonds. What call would you make as South?

Pros' Answer: This hand will have limited value if partner is short in clubs, but think good thoughts and bid 3 Diamonds, showing invitational values with a heart fit.

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

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

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

Pros' Answer: 7 - 4 is exciting distribution, so bid like you're excited. Open 4 Spades.

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

S - A 10 5 H - A 9 7 6 4 D - K 9 5 2 C - 4

South	West	North	East
1H	1S	2S*	Pass
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*Heart fit, invitational or better

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: This hand is dead minimum, but the cards are all prime and the distribution has potential. Don't reject by bidding 3 Hearts, rather show some interest by bidding 3 Diamonds.

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