

Pros' Answers: Weekly Bridge Quiz #24
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Question 1: Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

S – K 7 3 2 H – A K Q 9 5 D – A 10 3 C – K

Partner (North) opens 3 Clubs, and right-hand opponent (East) passes. What call would you, as South, make?

Pros' Answer: You're probably headed for a minus score, but this is too much to Pass. Bid 3 Hearts.

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

S – Q J 9 8 H – A K Q J 8 7 6 D – K 10 C – void

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

Pros' Answer: Go low for now and listen to what happens around the table. Bid 1 Heart. You can be more aggressive later.

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

S – A 9 6 4 H – Q 9 7 4 D – K C – K Q 10 3

South	West	North	East
1C	Pass	1S	3D
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As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: It's ugly, but you have to support with this hand. Bid 3 Spades.

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Question 4: East - West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S – 9 H – 5 4 D – A J 8 6 5 4 C – K J 8 6

East	South	West	North

1D Pass 1S Pass
 1NT ?

What call would you make as South?

Pros' Answer: We'd prefer the nine of Diamonds to the eight spot, or even better, both the nine and the eight. It's definitely a risky proposition but we like bidding 2 Diamonds.

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

S – K Q 5 4 3 H – J 10 4 D – Q 3 C – A Q 6

North	East	South	West
2NT	Pass	3H*	Pass
3S	Pass	?	

* Transfer to spades

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answers: Bid 5 No Trump. This is forcing and gives partner a choice between 6 Spades and 6 No Trump.

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

S – A J 4 H – 5 2 D – A 10 9 8 5 2 C – A 6

You (South) open 1 Diamond, and your left-hand opponent (West) jumps to 2 Spades, weak. Both your partner and your right-hand opponent (East) pass. As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Pass would not be the "Cowardly Call of the Year," but we like bidding 3 Diamonds.

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