

## Mr Bridge library

### Defense quiz - September 2016

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1.

	♠ Q 7 2		
	♥ Q J 7		
	♦ K J 10 8 2		
	♣ A 4		
♠ K 10 5	♠ 9	♥ A 8 6 4 3	
♥ 9 2	♦ 9 4	♦ Q 10 9 7 2	
♦ A 7 6 3	♠ A J 8 6 4 3		
♣ J 8 6 5	♥ K 10 5		
	♦ Q 5		
	♣ K 3		

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

You lead the ♥9: ♥Q, ♥8 and ♥5. Then the ♠2 goes to the ♠9, ♠J and ♠K. How do you continue? If partner holds the ♣K and the ♦Q, a club switch now and a later misguess by declarer could lead to the contract's defeat. However, remember the ♥8 at trick one, encouraging hearts. It seems that partner holds the ♥A and has ducked to maintain communication. You lead the ♥2 and, having scored a third-round ruff and seen which heart partner plays, decide whether you are going to cash the ♦A. As the cards lie, it matters not whether you grab the ♦A

2.

	♠ Q J 7		
	♥ 10		
	♦ A 10 8 6 3 2		
	♣ Q J 4		
♠ A 8 4 2	♠ K 9 6	♥ A K Q J 6	
♥ 9 8 7 5 4 3 2	♦ 7	♦ J 4	
♦ 7	♠ 10 5 3	♥ 9 7 2	
♣ 8	♥ Void		
	♦ K Q 9 5		
	♣ A K 10 6 5 3		

West	North	East	South
		1♥	2♣
4♥	4NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	5♦
5♥	Pass	Pass	6♦
Dbf	All Pass		

<sup>1</sup>Two places to play

You lead the ♠A: ♠7, ♠9 and ♠3. How do you continue? The bidding makes it likely that partner holds the ♥A, but also that declarer is void - in a hand with fewer than 15 points, a 1♥ opening usually contains a five-card suit. Here you have something better to do. Against a high-level contract, the ace lead ought to deny the king rather than a doubleton. Partner's ♠9, surely a high, and thus encouraging, card, shows the ♣K. If you fail to continue spades, you will find that dummy's remaining spades disappear on the clubs and you get a terrible score.