

Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

PAB 31

D		N North		WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH	
1		♠75 ♥863 ♦AKJ10 ♣KJ54		P P P 1NT P 3♥ P P P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠KQJ109 ♥742 ♦52 ♣Q108		♠A4 ♥KQJ10 ♦Q83 ♣A632		♠8632 ♥A95 ♦9764 ♣97	
3♥ North NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 1: After winning his ♠A, declarer has only 7 top tricks. He can get three more from hearts but the defenders will surely take enough tricks to set his contract. His only hope is to take 4 club tricks. On the second trick, he leads low to the dummy's ♣J. All is golden.

D		N North		WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH	
2		♠8643 ♥A9 ♦9643 ♣Q52		3NT P P 1NT P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠72 ♥863 ♦AKQ5 ♣K743		♠KQJ109 ♥7542 ♦72 ♣86		♠A5 ♥KQJ10 ♦J108 ♣AJ109	
3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 2: Again, after declarer wins the ♠A he has only 7 top tricks. His only hope is in the club suit. He leads the ♣J. If West holds the ♣Q he will either cover or smoothly play low. When you see the low club you put up dummy's ♣K and finesse through East. Here, this action saves the contract.

D		N North		WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH	
3		♠A10874 ♥754 ♦J863 ♣4		1NT P 3NT P P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠KJ3 ♥AK2 ♦Q54 ♣KJ97		♠Q92 ♥J1096 ♦K109 ♣Q32		♠65 ♥Q83 ♦A72 ♣A10865	
3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 3: North leads the ♠7. South's play of the ♠Q marks North with the ♠A: otherwise, South would have put up the Ace. This makes South the dangerous hand. Keeping South off lead requires declarer to ignore "nine never" and finesse the clubs through South. If North holds the ♣Q, declarer is safe from a spade attack. If not, he makes an overtrick.

D 4	N North	WES NORT EAST SOUT
	♠A3 ♥K63 ♦KQJ10 ♣K653	P 1NT P 2♠ P 2♦ P 3NT P P
W West	E East	
♠87642 ♥A74 ♦962 ♣Q9	♠KQJ109 ♥852 ♦754 ♣108	
3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠5 ♥QJ109 ♦A83 ♣AJ742	

Board 4: This is the familiar layout where declarer has 7 top tricks after he wins the ♠A. Knocking out the ♥A will give the defenders the opportunity to set the contract. North must bring the club suit in for no loss. The probability of East holding the ♣Q third is 28%. The probability of the suit breaking 2-2 is 31%; a slight advantage. North should apply "nine never" and play the clubs from the top.

D 5	N North	WES NORT EAST SOUT
	♠J7 ♥A2 ♦532 ♣KQ9862	1♣ Dbl 1♥ P 2♠ Dbl 2NT P P
W West	E East	
♠Q1052 ♥Q10 ♦Q76 ♣J543	♠9863 ♥KJ76 ♦AKJ4 ♣10	
2NT South NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠AK4 ♥98543 ♦1098 ♣A7	

Board 5: With a fit opposite a long suit, 3NT is a sensible contract. West leads the ♠2, won in the dummy with the ♠J. Dummy leads a low club to declarer's ♣A. Declarer reads East's takeout double of clubs to require a finesse of the "known" ♣J in the West hand. This produces an overtrick. Playing the ♣AKQ giving up the 4th club to West's ♣J, might allow the defenders to switch to diamonds and hold the declarer to 8 tricks.

D 6	N North	WES NORT EAST SOUT
	♠4 ♥85 ♦AKQ762 ♣8653	P 2♦ P 3NT P P
W West	E East	
♠3 ♥109632 ♦10985 ♣J94	♠KJ1098 ♥KQJ ♦J4 ♣Q107	
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠AQ7652 ♥A74 ♦3 ♣AK2	

Board 6: Declarer in 3NT has 8 top tricks; 2 spades, 1 heart, 3 diamonds and 2 clubs. There are two ways to make the contract. Clubs and be 3-3 or diamonds can be 3-3. Rather than bank everything on the diamond split, he should fist play his 3 clubs. They do break 3-3 so he has the 9th trick. If they didn't, he could try for an even break in diamonds. If he had started with the diamonds, he could not have taken more than 8 tricks.

7 D	N North	WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
	♠62 ♥A85 ♦107 ♣A76432	P 3NT P 1NT P P
W West		E East
♠K10 ♥KQJ1072 ♦Q6 ♣J105		♠J9873 ♥63 ♦K98542 ♣
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠AQ54 ♥94 ♦AJ3 ♣KQ98	

Board 7: Declarer has 3 top tricks outside the clubs. He therefore, needs all 6 clubs. The club suit becomes blocked in declarer's hand and there is no outside entries back to dummy's clubs. Declarer must thus duck the first two hearts and discard a club on the 3rd heart. Now the suit runs smoothly.

8 D	N North	WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
	♠AQ5 ♥K9863 ♦2 ♣10752	1NT P 3NT P P P
W West		E East
♠KJ2 ♥AQJ ♦754 ♣AQ83		♠10 ♥752 ♦AKJ93 ♣KJ64
3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠987643 ♥104 ♦Q1086 ♣9	

Board 8: Given the heart lead, declarer has 8 top tricks: 2 hearts, 2 diamonds and 4 clubs. He should play the top diamond and come back to his hand in clubs and finesse against the ♦Q. When North shows out, he should abandon that plan. He can't let South get the lead to lead through his remaining hearts. He wins the ♦K in dummy and run the ♠10. It loses to North, but North can't lead hearts without giving declarer the 9th trick. North will probably lead a club. Declarer then forces out North's last spade and gets 9 total tricks.