

Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

PAB 19

PAB19-1

D	1		
N	North	WES	NOR
	♠85 ♥63 ♦K7 ♣AKJ9763	1♠	Dbl R
W	West		
	♠Q632 ♥Q42 ♦84 ♣Q1085	2♠	P P 3N
E	East		
	♠J1097 ♥KJ109 ♦AJ1096 ♣		
S	South		
	♠AK4 ♥A875 ♦Q532 ♣42		
	3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0		

East should double North's 1♣ opening. South should redouble to show 10+ points. North rebids clubs and South carries on to game in notrump. Declarer has 5 top tricks and needs 4 more from clubs. Since there are no entries to dummy outside the clubs, declarer must be careful on his use of the clubs. He guards against a 4-0 club split by making a safety play; finessing the 9♣ on the first lead. This wins and he returns to hand and finesses again, for 2 overtricks.

PAB19-2

D	2		
N	North	WES	NOR
	♠108752 ♥983 ♦J754 ♣5	R 1♠	Dbl 2♠
W	West		
	♠64 ♥AK6 ♦102 ♣KQJ1098	3♠ P 3♠ P	3N P
E	East		
	♠A3 ♥542 ♦AKQ9863 ♣3		
S	South		
	♠KQJ9 ♥QJ107 ♦ ♣A7642		
	3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0		

South makes a takeout double and West redoubles to show 10+ points. He rebids his clubs on the next round, and East rebids the diamonds. West can inquire about spade stopper by cue bidding 3♠. East has a stopper and bids 3NT. Declarer has 6 top tricks and needs 3 more in diamonds. After playing the ♦A and getting the bad news when South discards, he must ditch the ♦10. Otherwise the suit becomes blocked. He goes to dummy to lead the diamond, finessing against the ♦J.

PAB19-3

D	3		
N	North	WES	NOR
	♠K72 ♥Q1096 ♦Q5 ♣K752	P 1♥	Dbl 3♦
W	West		
	♠QJ106 ♥852 ♦6432 ♣A4	P 3N P	P
E	East		
	♠A853 ♥J743 ♦ ♣QJ1098		
S	South		
	♠94 ♥AK ♦AKJ10987 ♣63		
	3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0		

South opens 1♦ and rebids 3♦ to show a medium strength opening hand. North carries on to 3NT. East leads the ♣Q, won by West's ♣A. It would be foolish to return partner's club suit. West can see 9 tricks in the dummy ready to run. If a diamond finesse is needed, it is available. West should switch to spades, hoping his partner has the ♠A. He leads the ♠Q, taking 4 spade tricks to set the contract.

PAB19-4

D 4	N North	WES NOR EAST SOU
	♠652 ♥KJ93 ♦A7 ♣10542	1♦ P 1N P 3N P P P
W West	E East	
♠QJ ♥Q102 ♦KQ1094 ♣AKQ	♠AK10 ♥874 ♦J65 ♣J983	
	S South	
	♠98743 ♥A65 ♦832 ♣76	
3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0		

East is too strong to open 1NT. He opens 1♦ planning on jumping to 2NT over partner's 1-level response. When partner responds 1NT, East jumps to 3NT to show his 19 points. South can see that declarer will have 9 tricks once his ♦A is knocked out. The opening lead of the ♠9 was a "top of nothing" lead; so declarer has both top spades. South's only hope to set the contract is to switch to a low heart after he wins the ♦A. Partner must have the ♥A, because if declarer held it he would have too many points for a 1NT response.

PAB19-5

D 5	N North	WES NOR EAST SOU
	♠752 ♥54 ♦AK6 ♣QJ1098	P P 1N P 3N P P P
W West	E East	
♠KJ84 ♥Q9862 ♦97 ♣A4	♠A103 ♥1073 ♦108542 ♣63	
	S South	
	♠Q96 ♥AKJ ♦QJ3 ♣K752	
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0		

Even if the first heart lead is won by declarer's deceptive play of the ♥K, when he wins the club, West should realize that declarer has 9 tricks ready to run: 2♥, 2♦, 4♣ and either 1♠ or a 5th ♦. His only hope is to shift to a LOW spade, saying he wants to take tricks in spades and doesn't want partner to return to hearts. If he played a high spade, he would be asking for a heart return.

PAB19-6

D 6	N North	WES NOR EAST SOU
	♠85 ♥97542 ♦873 ♣A106	P 3N P 1N P P P
W West	E East	
♠A74 ♥J106 ♦KQJ10 ♣832	♠632 ♥AKQ ♦A94 ♣KJ75	
	S South	
	♠KQJ109 ♥83 ♦652 ♣Q94	
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0		

Declarer has 8 top tricks. The 9th will come in clubs. Should he lead to the ♣K or the ♣J? If South holds only 4 spades, it is safe to lead to the ♣J and play the percentages. If South holds 5 spades, however, you must hope North holds the ♣A. Take the ♠A on the third round. Here, you see that North shows out on the 3rd round and South started with 5 spades. Play a club to your ♣K and hope for the best.

PAB19-7

7 D 3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0		N North ♠8652 ♥Q763 ♦43 ♣972	WES NOR EAST SOU 1N P 3N P P P
W West ♠A73 ♥A104 ♦J82 ♣AQJ10		E East ♠J4 ♥82 ♦AQ10976 ♣K54	
	S South ♠KQ109 ♥KJ95 ♦K5 ♣863		

From the lead of the ♥3 and the ♥2 in the dummy, declarer knows North started with only 4 hearts. Therefore, he should take the first trick and immediately finesse against the ♦K. He can't lose more than 3 hearts and 1 diamond. If he holds up on the first trick, South should immediately switch to spades. When he eventually gets back in with the ♦K, he will take 3 spades, 1 heart and 1 diamond to set the contract.

PAB19-8

8 D 3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0		N North ♠A54 ♥K2 ♦AK87 ♣AQ63	WES NOR EAST SOU P 2N P 3♦ P 3♥ P 3N P P P
W West ♠83 ♥A764 ♦QJ109 ♣J92		E East ♠K9762 ♥83 ♦63 ♣K1085	
	S South ♠QJ10 ♥QJ1095 ♦542 ♣74		

South transfers into hearts and gives declarer the choice of playing a game in hearts or notrump by rebidding 3NT. After the lead of the ♠6, declarer can count 5 top tricks: 2 spades, 2 diamonds and 1 club. The needed 4 tricks can come from hearts. The problem is that if defenders hold up once on the hearts there is no entry to the dummy to run those hearts. Declarer can force his way into the dummy by winning the first trick with the ♠A, not the cheap honor in the dummy. Now he can lead up to the dummy twice if necessary to take his 9 tricks.