

Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

PAB21

PAB21-1

D		N North		WES NOR EAS SOU	
1		♠843 ♥A63 ♦AKQ8 ♣K52		1N P 3N P P P	
W West		E East			
♠J10965 ♥72 ♦974 ♣976		♠AK2 ♥KQJ109 ♦52 ♣843			
		S South			
		♠Q7 ♥854 ♦J1063 ♣AQJ10			
3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0					

East should not bid 2♥ over 1NT. He needs 6 hearts; plus he has good defense if they reach 3NT. The best lead is not the top heart but, rather, the A♠. The heart gives declarer the lead and he'll take 8 tricks in the minors. The spade allows West to signal on the lead and indicate whether it is best to continue spades or switch. Here, West plays the ♠J, promising the ♠10.

PAB21-2

D		N North		WES NOR EAS SOU	
2		♠AQ6 ♥Q85 ♦74 ♣J9854		P 3N P 1N P P P	
W West		E East			
♠92 ♥J7 ♦QJ108 ♣KQ1076		♠10874 ♥K643 ♦K952 ♣2			
		S South			
		♠KJ53 ♥A1092 ♦A63 ♣A3			
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0					

Declarer has 7 top tricks; needing 2 more. They can come from clubs but if he works on clubs, West shifts to diamonds and South can't recover. He should, instead, look to the hearts. As long as East holds 1 honor, he can get two more tricks from hearts. He should go to dummy in spades and run the ♥8. That loses to the ♥J and West leads a diamond. Declarer wins in hand and goes to dummy again, leading the ♥Q. That gives him the two needed tricks.

		N North	WES NORT EAS SOU
3		♠ J974	1♦ P 1♠ P
D		♥ J9873	2N P 3♠ P
		♣ QJ108	3N P 6N P
W West			E East
♠ 102			♠ AKQ843
♥ A653			♥ K2
♦ AKQ52			♦ 6
♣ A4			♣ K653
		S South	
		♠ J9765	
		♥ Q108	
		♦ 104	
		♣ 972	
6NT West			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

PAB21-3

The only risk to declarer's slam is if spades break 5-0. There is a safety play available. He wins the first club in the dummy and leads a low spade to his ♠10. If North has all 5 spades, he would take the ten with his jack and, presumably, lead another club. Declarer would win with his ace and play a spade to dummy's ♠8. Here, South has a dilemma. If he plays a low spade, declarer wins with his ten and concedes a spade. And if South takes his jack, declarer can claim.

		N North	WES NORT EAS SOU
4		♠ J103	P 1♥ 1N P
D		♥ AKQ84	2N P 3N P
		♦ 1085	P P
		♣ K4	
W West			E East
♠ K64			♠ AQ
♥ 107			♥ J962
♦ J64			♦ KQ3
♣ Q10876			♣ AJ95
		S South	
		♠ 98752	
		♥ 53	
		♦ A972	
		♣ 32	
3NT East			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

PAB21-4

South leads his partner's bid suit. If declarer plays low from dummy, North should insert the ♥8 and let declarer use his high card early. Then when South gets in with the ♣A he can lead another heart and North gets 4 more hearts. Likewise, if declarer plays the ♥10 from the dummy, he should duck it with the same result.

PAB21-5

D	5	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
		♠KJ10 ♥Q8532 ♦J10 ♣AQ10	1♥ P 2♦ P 2N P 3N P P P
W West		E East	
♠A2 ♥J964 ♦K54 ♣J964		♠Q9763 ♥A10 ♦72 ♣8532	
		S South	
		♠854 ♥K7 ♦AQ9863 ♣K7	
		3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0	

West wins the spade lead and sends another spade back. East wins declarer's Jack and leads another spade to declarer's king. Declarer finesses the diamond into West's king. What should West do now? A switch to the clubs allows declarer to make the contract. A switch to hearts sets the contract. East can tell him which suit to switch to. By leading a high spade on the 4th trick, he is signaling for a "high" heart lead. If he wanted West to lead a club, he would have led the ♠3.

PAB21-6

D	6	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
		♠KQ3 ♥AK54 ♦863 ♣1083	P 1♥ P 1N P 2N P P P P
W West		E East	
♠964 ♥863 ♦KQJ10 ♣K74		♠10872 ♥J972 ♦95 ♣AQ2	
		S South	
		♠AJ5 ♥Q10 ♦A742 ♣J965	
		2NT South NS: 0 EW: 0	

Declarer holds up once on the diamond lead and counts 7 top tricks. His only hope for an 8th is in the hearts. He must hope that East holds the ♥J. He should go to dummy in spades and lead a low heart, inserting the ♥10 if East plays low.

PAB21-7

D	7	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
		♠Q1086 ♥742 ♦10987 ♣AQ	2♣ P 3♦ P 3N P P P
W West		E East	
♠AKJ3 ♥AK8 ♦KQJ5 ♣KJ		♠542 ♥653 ♦A432 ♣1074	
		S South	
		♠97 ♥QJ109 ♦6 ♣986532	
		3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0	

With 25 HCP West starts with 2♣ and rebids 3NT. North leads the ♦10, top of nothing. Declarer has 8 top tricks. It might be tempting to try the spade finesse, or a 3-3 split in spades. Both of these

techniques will fail. There is a full proof method for a 9th trick; the ♣10. Promote the ♣10 by leading the ♣J and ♣K.

PAB21-8

D 8	N North	WESNOR EAS' SOU P 1♥ 1N P 3N P P P
	♠ J9 ♥ KQJ87 ♦ K763 ♣ K5	
W West	E East	
♠ 643 ♥ 63 ♦ QJ109 ♣ AQJ10	♠ AKQ ♥ A109 ♦ A854 ♣ 972	
	S South	
	♠ 108752 ♥ 542 ♦ 2 ♣ 8643	
3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0		

Declarer has 6 top tricks and needs 3 more. Counting points, East/West has 27 points between them. That only allows for 13 more and since North opened the bidding, he must have all of them. Therefore, of the two available finesses, only the diamond finesse will be successful. North must have both kings.