

Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

PAB4

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Board 1: South is in 3NT and West leads the ♥6. He can get 9 tricks once he knocks out the ♠A and the ♣A. If declarer wins the first trick and starts the spades, he is safe. But the natural tendency is to begin with setting up the club suit. Here East wins the ♣A and knocks out declarer last heart stopper. Now when West wins the ♠A he can set declarer. He must duck trick one. He always gets 2 heart tricks. Now when East wins the club he will either have no more hearts left or hearts will have broken 4-3.

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Board 2: This hand is similar to the last hand. Again South leads the ♥6. Declarer only has 6 tricks, given the lead. He knows he can get the rest in clubs but he will have to take a finesse into the North hand. Therefore he must duck the first heart. Now, either North will be out of hearts if he wins the finesse or the suit will have broken 4-3 and he is safe.

Board 3:

3			
West		East	
♠ AK4 ♥ 10952 ♦ AQJ10 ♣ Q3		♠ QJ6 ♥ A4 ♦ K983 ♣ K762	
North		South	
♠ 952 ♥ KJ763 ♦ 62 ♣ A54		♠ 10873 ♥ Q8 ♦ 754 ♣ J1098	
West		East	
1NT		3NT	
Pass		Pass	
North		South	
Pass		Pass	
NS: 0 EW: 0			

In 3NT, declarer has 3 spades, 1 heart, and 4 diamonds. He can promote a club winner for his 9th. Here though, if he ducks the first trick, South will clear the stopper and if North holds the ♣A, he will run 3 more hearts. Declarer should realize that if South holds 3 hearts, they break 4-3 and he is safe. If South holds only 2 hearts, it must be an honor doubleton. By taking the first trick with dummy's ♥A. Now the hearts are blocked in the South hand. Now when North wins his ♣A, his heart return will be won by South who will not have another heart

Board 4:

4			
West		East	
♠ Q82 ♥ 542 ♦ 105 ♣ AQJ107		♠ J1097 ♥ K83 ♦ J982 ♣ 92	
North		South	
♠ 643 ♥ AQ ♦ AK74 ♣ 8653		♠ AK5 ♥ J10976 ♦ Q63 ♣ K4	
West		East	
Pass		Pass	
1♦		1♥	
Pass		Pass	
1NT		3NT	
Pass		Pass	
North		South	
Pass		Pass	
NS: 0 EW: 0			

East leads the ♠J against a 3NT contract. Declarer has 2 spade, 1 heart, and 3 diamonds. He needs 3 more tricks which can come from hearts. He must win the first trick to keep East from switching to clubs. West must signal with the ♠2. He must discourage a continuation of spades and hopefully East will switch to the "obvious" suit, clubs, when he gets in with the ♥K.

Board 5:

North		South					
♠ AKQ		♠ 1074					
♥ A76		♥ K3					
♦ AJ843		♦ 52					
♣ 52		♣ AJ9874					
West		East					
♠ 6532		♠ J98					
♥ QJ1098		♥ 542					
♦ 96		♦ KQ107					
♣ KQ		♣ 1063					
West		North		East		South	
Pass		1♦		Pass		1NT	
Pass		3NT		Pass		Pass	
Pass							

NS: 0
EW: 0

Board 5: South isn't strong enough to respond 2♣ to North's opening 1♦. He must respond 1NT. South was planning on jumping to 2NT over his partner's 1-level response. Now he must show the big hand by jumping to 3NT. West leads the ♥Q. Declarer has 7 top tricks. He must get the rest from clubs and not first be defeated by the opponents' heart suit. He wins the first trick in the dummy and leads a club. West will win his ♣K and return a heart. He should lead the ♥8, the bottom of the sequence. Declarer wins and goes to dummy for another club lead. East should play the ♣10, not the ♣6. If he does, declarer will place him with the ♣Q103 and finesse the ♣J. Now he will go down. If he plays the careless ♣6, declarer will know that either the ♣K is bare in the West or East holds the ♣Q1063 and the contract can't be made. His only play is to put down the ♣A. Here he makes the contract with overtricks.

Board 6:

North		South					
♠ 73		♠ 8652					
♥ Q2		♥ KJ943					
♦ KJ9874		♦ 105					
♣ K63		♣ 52					
West		East					
♠ KJ10		♠ AQ94					
♥ 865		♥ A107					
♦ Q2		♦ A63					
♣ A10974		♣ QJ8					
West		North		East		South	
3NT		Pass		1NT		Pass	
				Pass		Pass	

NS: 0
EW: 0

Board 6: South will lead the ♥4 against East's 3NT contract. Declarer can count 4 spades, 1 heart, 1 diamond and 1 club. The two extra tricks can come from the clubs. Notice the he will finesse into the North hand. Therefore, he must hold up on hearts until North is out of them. Using the Rule of 7, this is one time. If he holds up twice, South should shift to the ♦10. Now the contract will go down.

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		West ♠ 743 ♥ Q752 ♦ 643 ♣ 853	East ♠ KQJ9 ♥ KJ64 ♦ K5 ♣ 762																	
		South ♠ A85 ♥ A109 ♦ 1072 ♣ KQ109	NS: 0 EW: 0																	
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Board 7: East should double the minor suits bid by North/South to show his 4-4 holding in the majors. In 3NT West will lead the ♥2. Declarer has 7 top tricks and can get the extra tricks from diamonds. The Rule of 7 indicates he should duck the hearts twice. But if the lead is honest, West started with 4 hearts. Now the opponents can get only 3 hearts at the most. To duck is to open the hand to a fatal spade switch.

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Board 8: East leads the ♠6. Declarer has 8 top tricks. He can get the 9th by promoting the club honor. However, he has only 1 stopper in spades. The Rule of 7 indicates he should hold up once. But there are exceptions to the Rule. If he holds up, West will return a spade. Now when East gets in with the ♣A he will cash his remaining 3 spades. Notice that there are 3 honors outstanding. If East had them all he would have led the ♠K, the top of the sequence. Therefore, West must hold one of the honors. If the spades break 4-4, there will be no problem. So assume they break 5-2. If you win the ♠A on the first trick, the suit will become blocked on the next time East leads them. If East ditches the ♠Q under the ♠A, the declarer's ♠10 sets up as a second stopper.