

Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

PAB48

D 1	N North	WESNOR EAS SOL
	♠KJ4 ♥K7 ♦6532 ♣KJ102	P P 1N P 3N P P
W West		E East
♠108732 ♥A6 ♦J98 ♣A73		♠Q9 ♥98532 ♦Q104 ♣964
	S South	
	♠A65 ♥QJ104 ♦AK7 ♣Q85	
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0		

Board 1: In 3NT, West leads the ♠3. Declarer has only 4 top tricks. He must promote the hearts and clubs by knocking out the respective aces. The key play is at trick one. If declarer puts in the ♠J, it will be covered by East's ♠Q. If the trick is ducked, East will lead back his last spade, leaving declarer with only 1 more spade stopper. He must give up the lead to West twice, though and will be set. However, if declarer plays low from dummy, declarer survives. He wins the ♠A and turns to hearts. He will finesse the ♠J on the next spade, but when East wins the ♠Q he can't lead another spade. When the ♣A is knocked out, West's spade return will be won in dummy and 10 tricks will ensue.

2	N North	WESNOR EAS SOL
	♠J3 ♥10875 ♦K764 ♣1096	1♣ 1♠ Dbl P 1N P 3N P P
W West		E East
♠106 ♥AK43 ♦AQ109 ♣J52		♠K852 ♥92 ♦J83 ♣AKQ7
	S South	
	♠AQ974 ♥QJ6 ♦52 ♣843	

Board 2: East opens 1♣ and South overcalls 1♠. West should "negative double" showing support for the unbid suits. East will rebid 1NT showing a spade stopper and West will raise to 3NT with 14 HCP. South will lead the ♠7. Declarer should consider whether to win the ♠K or duck. He has 8 top tricks, given the opening lead. He must take the diamond finesse and if it loses to North, North will lead back a spade and the contract will go down. Using the Rule of 7, he should duck the first trick. (7-6=1). North will return a spade which declarer covers cheaply. Now, when the diamond finesse loses, North will not have another spade to lead.

3 D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
	♠AQ7 ♥J9853 ♦74 ♣A86	1N P 3N P P P
W West	E East	
♠J105 ♥AQ76 ♦K10 ♣KQJ4	♠962 ♥104 ♦AQJ983 ♣107	
	S South	
	♠K843 ♥K2 ♦652 ♣9532	
3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0		

Board 3: West opens 1NT and East's best response is 3NT. If the diamond suit runs, he will be providing 6 tricks. It is a gambol worth taking. North leads the ♥5. South puts up the ♥K won by declarer's ♥A. He needs one club to take 9 tricks so leads a low club to dummy's 10. If "second hand play low", the ♣10 will win and declarer will claim. North must put up the ♣A on first club lead and switch to the spades, hoping partner has the ♠K 4th. He should lead the ♠Q, then the ♠A and another spade to set the contact.

4 D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
	♠AK73 ♥AQ3 ♦85 ♣A764	P 1N P 3N P P P
W West	E East	
♠J8 ♥K106 ♦K109 ♣J9852	♠Q1094 ♥J8752 ♦74 ♣Q10	
	S South	
	♠652 ♥94 ♦AQJ632 ♣K3	
3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0		

Board 4: In 3NT, East leads the ♥5. West's ♥K is won by declarer's ♥A and he leads a diamond. If he finesses the ♦J, he goes down. He should duck the diamond in the dummy and let West win. He returns a heart which declarer should duck. He will win the 3rd heart with the ♥Q, but when he now finesses the ♦J, he maintains control. West wins the ♦K but has no more hearts. Declarer wins whatever West leads and can run the diamonds for 3 diamonds, which go with 2 spades, 2 hearts and 2 clubs; a total of 9 tricks.

5 D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
	♠AK4 ♥K105 ♦AK5 ♣AQ107	2♣ P 2♦ P 2N P 6N P P P
W West	E East	
♠J10983 ♥872 ♦43 ♣652	♠Q7 ♥Q643 ♦109862 ♣43	
	S South	
	♠652 ♥AJ9 ♦QJ7 ♣KJ98	
6NT North NS: 0 EW: 0		

Board 5: North opens with a strong 2♣. His rebid is 2NT to show 22-24 points. South makes a quantitative raise to 6 NT, knowing there are at least 34 points in the

partnership. East leads the “top of nothing” ♦10. Declarer has 11 top tricks. The only hope for the 12th trick is to locate the ♥Q. Play the other suits and watch East’s cards. He shows 2 clubs 2 spades and since West shows out on the 3rd diamond, 5 diamonds. Therefore, he holds 4 hearts to his partner’s 3 hearts. Play East for the ♥Q, since he has more places for the queen to be.

6		D		N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
				♠QJ1085	2♣ P
				♥Q764	2♥ P 2N P
				♦942	3N P P P
				♣A	
W West				E East	
♠93				♠AK2	
♥102				♥A983	
♦QJ1087				♦AK	
♣10763				♣KQ54	
		S South			
		♠764			
		♥KJ5			
		♦653			
		♣J982			
3NT East					
NS: 0					
EW: 0					

Board 6: In 3NT, South will probably lead the ♣2, his longest suit. There are enough tricks to make the contract, but the diamonds are blocked. The only entry to the dummy after the ♦AK is unblock, is thru the ♣10. He will need two small clubs to lead to the dummy. He must drop one of his honors under the ♣A. Then he can force his way into the dummy later.

7		D		N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
				♠AQ7	
				♥9	
				♦AJ10985	
				♣984	
W West				E East	
♠954				♠863	
♥A10863				♥J752	
♦632				♦K4	
♣Q2				♣J653	
		S South			
		♠KJ102			
		♥KQ4			
		♦Q7			
		♣AK107			

Board 7: In 3NT, West leads the ♥6. Declarer has 4 spades, 1 heart, 1 diamond and 2 clubs. He needs one more trick but if he takes the diamond finesse and it loses to East, East will lead another heart thru declarer’s last honor; this sets the contract. The better play is to go to dummy in spades and run the ♣9, covering East’s ♣J or ♣Q if played. Most likely East will play low and West will win the ♣Q. But if West leads another heart, declarer will get his 9th trick with the ♥Q.

D 8		N North		WESN OF EASTS SOL	
		♠ 954		1♦ P 1♠ P	
		♥ Q96		2♣ P 4N P	
		♦ Q982		P P	
		♣ K75			
W West		E East			
♠ KQ2		♠ AJ107			
♥ 43		♥ KJ8			
♦ A1065		♦ KJ			
♣ AJ63		♣ Q1098			
		S South			
		♠ 863			
		♥ A10752			
		♦ 743			
		♣ 42			
4NT East					
NS: 0					
EW: 0					

Board 8: West opens 1♦ and East responds 1♠. West should rebid 2♠ rather than 1NT, considering the worthless doubleton heart. East should rebid 3NT, giving partner the choice of contracts. With 4 spades, West would rebid 4♠. Here, he should pass 3NT. South leads the ♥5 and declarer counts 8 top tricks. North puts up the ♥Q. Declarer then knows that South holds the ♥A. If North held it, he would have played that card rather than the ♥Q. Therefore, he should win the ♥K and consider North the “dangerous” opponent. He should avoid the dangerous club finesse and go to dummy and take the diamond finesse of the ♥J. When that wins, he has his 9th trick.