

# Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

PAB49

D		N North		WES NOF EAS SOL	
1		♠AKJ		1N P 3N	
		♥852		P P P	
		♦KJ74			
		♣A85			
W West		E East			
♠107652		♠83			
♥64		♥KQJ109			
♦A103		♦Q98			
♣962		♣743			
S South					
♠Q94					
♥A73					
♦652					
♣KQJ10					
3NT North					
NS: 0					
EW: 0					

Board 1: East leads the ♥K. You have 3 spades, 1 heart and 4 clubs. You need the ♦A to be in West or else you fail. But you must rid West of any hearts he holds. Apply the Rule of 7 (7-6) to determine the number of times to holdup. The answer is 1. Now take the diamond finesse of the ♦K.

D		N North		WES NOF EAS SOL	
2		♠J1098		1N P	
		♥K9		2♣ P 2♦ P	
		♦A74		3N P P P	
		♣J1098			
W West		E East			
♠KQ63		♠A42			
♥A54		♥QJ2			
♦Q10982		♦KJ5			
♣7		♣KQ43			
S South					
♠75					
♥108763					
♦63					
♣A652					
3NT East					
NS: 0					
EW: 0					

Board 2: After the low heart lead of South, it is natural to play low from dummy. That could be fatal if North wins the ♥K and switches to the clubs. He ends up with 3 club tricks, 1 heart and 1 diamond. Win the first trick with the ♥A and play on diamonds. That gives you 8 tricks and you can get another from either hearts or clubs. You can also squeeze North in the majors for an overtrick.

3 D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
	♠643 ♥K3 ♦AJ52 ♣AJ94	P 3N P P
W West	E East	
♠A85 ♥J1097 ♦10864 ♣72	♠J1097 ♥Q8542 ♦K ♣863	
	S South	
	♠KQ2 ♥A6 ♦Q973 ♣KQ105	
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0		

Board 3: Declarer has 7 top tricks with the heart lead. Take the ♦A and lose to the ♦K. Then you will have an extra diamond trick. Here, the ♦K falls under the ace and he gets an overtrick.

4 D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
	♠K10763 ♥Q94 ♦J965 ♣4	1N P 3N P P P
W West	E East	
♠AJ9 ♥AK7 ♦843 ♣A1092	♠8 ♥653 ♦AK72 ♣KJ873	
	S South	
	♠Q542 ♥J1082 ♦Q10 ♣Q65	
3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0		

Board 4: Declarer wins the first spade lead in his hand with the ♠A. He has 7 top tricks and needs 2 more from the clubs. But South becomes the dangerous hand. If he is allowed the lead, he will send a spade thru declarer's ♠J. However, if North leads spades, the jack becomes a second stopper. He must take the two-way club finesse into the North hand. Here, he gets a double payoff with an overtrick.

5 D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
	♠AQ3 ♥54 ♦AQ6 ♣J10987	1♣ P 1♥ P 1N P 3♦ P 3N P P P
W West	E East	
♠10865 ♥J1073 ♦K2 ♣A54	♠J9742 ♥98 ♦J1093 ♣KQ	
	S South	
	♠K ♥AKQ62 ♦8754 ♣632	
3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0		

Board 5: Declarer has 3 spades, 3 hearts and a diamond. He needs two more tricks. If he plays off the hearts immediately, he goes down. He loses the 4<sup>th</sup> heart and has no dummy entries left. He should take the diamond finesse first and then duck a heart. Then when he can play the next 4 hearts for his two missing tricks.

6		N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
		♠A7542	1N P
		♥J108	3N P P P
		♦10	
		♣K964	
W West		E East	
♠KJ		♠Q1098	
♥AQ72		♥653	
♦7642		♦AKQ5	
♣852		♣AJ	
	S South		
	♠63		
	♥K94		
	♦J983		
	♣Q1073		
3NT East			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 6: South leads the ♣3. That indicates 4 clubs in South (since the ♣2 is in the dummy) and therefore, 4 in North. Declarer has only 5 top tricks. He must knock out the ♠A. When South gets the lead after clearing the clubs, he will probably lead a low heart. What should declarer do? The 3-2 diamond split is a better bet than the heart finesse. (68% vs 50%) but the diamonds break badly. Declarer can find this out by first playing two round of diamonds. When he sees the diamond position he should take the heart finesse.

7		N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
		♠A83	P 3N P 1N
		♥752	P P
		♦AK32	
		♣1097	
W West		E East	
♠K10754		♠Q2	
♥J83		♥Q10964	
♦Q5		♦J1098	
♣Q62		♣43	
	S South		
	♠J96		
	♥AK		
	♦764		
	♣AKJ85		
3NT South			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 7: The Rule of 7 indicates that declarer should hold up once on the initial spade lead. However, he must take the club finesse into the danger hand to get his needed tricks. The only hope is that East has an honor doubleton. When West leads the second low spade the suit will become blocked. If West leads the ♠K, the declarer's ♦J will become a second stopper. Therefore, declarer should take the first spade lead with the ♠A and run the ♣10.

8		N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
		♠QJ1087	1♠ P 1♦ P
		♥9832	2N P 3N P
		♦KJ106	P P
		♣	
W West		E East	
♠A3		♠54	
♥A74		♥K65	
♦A95		♦87432	
♣KQ1093		♣A54	
	S South		
	♠K962		
	♥QJ10		
	♦Q		
	♣J8762		
3NT West			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 8: Declarer has 7 top tricks. He needs two more from clubs. If the clubs break as badly as 4-1 this may not be fatal for declarer. However, what if they are 5-0. If North holds all the clubs, there is no hope. But if South holds all the clubs, declarer survives. However, he must start the clubs by leading low to the dummy's ♣A. When he see North is out, he finesses the ♣9 and goes back to dummy to repeat the finesse.