

# Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

## PAB 5

D		N North		WES NOF EAS SOL	
1		♠873		P P P 1N	
		♥952		P 3N P P	
		♦QJ4		P	
		♣AQJ10			
W West		E East			
♠K10542		♠Q6			
♥Q107		♥KJ8			
♦K6		♦8753			
♣984		♣6532			
3NT South		S South			
NS: 0		♠AJ9			
EW: 0		♥A643			
		♦A1092			
		♣K7			

Board 1: South is in 3NT and West leads the ♠4. East plays the ♠Q. Declarer has 7 top tricks: 1 spade, 1 heart, 1 diamond and 4 clubs. He must get the extra 2 tricks from diamonds, taking a finesse into West. Therefore, although the Rule of 7 suggests holding up the first trick, if he does, East will lead his remaining spade and set up West's spade suit. If the finesse loses, West will clear the spade suit. However, if declarer takes the ♠A on the first trick, his ♠J will set up as a second stopper as long as West leads the spades.

D		N North		WES NOF EAS SOL	
2		♠976		P P P	
		♥QJ10		1N P 3N P	
		♦K4		P P	
		♣QJ1065			
W West		E East			
♠Q54		♠AK2			
♥AK5		♥63			
♦A762		♦QJ1098			
♣A83		♣972			
3NT West		S South			
NS: 0		♠J1083			
EW: 0		♥98742			
		♦53			
		♣K4			

Board 2: In 3NT, West has 3 top spades, 2 top hearts, 1 diamond and 1 club. He can get the two needed tricks in diamonds, after finessing the ♦Q. North leads the ♣Q. South plays the ♣4 on the first trick. The Rule of 7 suggests holding up once. This will be tragic. South will play the ♣K and if declarer takes this with the ♣A, North will run the suit when he gets in with the losing diamond finesse. Declarer must hold up twice or not at all. South should have ditched his ♣K on the first trick, unblocking the suit. Since he didn't, declarer should allow the suit to be blocked. If he takes the first club, he also survives when the suit becomes blocked on the eventual club lead by North.

3	N North	WES N OF EAS SOL
	♠ A94 ♥ AQ3 ♦ Q72 ♣ KJ54	P 1N P 3N P P P
D	W West	E East
	♠ 83 ♥ J1098 ♦ 985 ♣ A1076	♠ KQJ105 ♥ 74 ♦ 1063 ♣ Q92
3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠ 762 ♥ K652 ♦ AKJ4 ♣ 83	

Board 3: South uses Stayman to look for a heart fit. North denies a 4-card major and South jumps to 3NT. East leads the ♠K. Declarer has 8 top tricks. The Rule of 7 suggest he holds up once. This is good advice. Declarer can even hold up twice to see how the suit is breaking. Either way, he needs West to hold the ♣A so he can finesse his ♣K.

4	N North	WES N OF EAS SOL
	♠ QJ652 ♥ KJ82 ♦ 74 ♣ A4	1♦ 1♠ 2♣ P 2N P 3N P P P
D	W West	E East
	♠ AK4 ♥ Q94 ♦ QJ1098 ♣ 63	♠ 87 ♥ 65 ♦ AK2 ♣ KQJ1098
3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠ 1093 ♥ A1073 ♦ 653 ♣ 752	

Board 4: North might overcall West's 1♦ opening with a 1♠. East will respond 2♣. West can rebid 2NT, showing minimum values and at least one spade stopper. North will raise to 3NT. North leads the ♠5. Declarer counts 7 top tricks. He can easily get 5 clubs by knocking out the ♣A. From the play of the ♠3 on the first trick, North knows declarer started with the ♠AK. When he get back in the lead with the ♣A he should know to switch to a heart. South will win the ♥A but how will he know to return a heart and not a spade? By the heart that North leads. When defender switches to a low card, he is asking for the suit to be returned; when he switches to a high card, he is asking partner to return the original suit.

5	N North	WES N OF EAS SOL
	♠ A42 ♥ 83 ♦ KQJ87 ♣ 765	P P 1N P 3N P P P
D	W West	E East
	♠ J8 ♥ J9542 ♦ 62 ♣ AQJ8	♠ Q963 ♥ 1076 ♦ A54 ♣ 1092
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠ K1075 ♥ AKQ ♦ 1093 ♣ K43	

Board 5: South is in 3NT and West leads the ♥4, 4<sup>th</sup> down from the longest suit. Declarer has 5 top tricks and needs 4 diamonds, knocking out the ♦A. When East wins the ♦A, should he return partner's suit or switch? There is no way to know. He should not take his ♦A until

his partner has a chance to discard and indicate which suit to come back in. This happens on the third round of diamonds. If West discarded a low club, East would know to come back in hearts. Here, West will discard the ♥2, saying that there is no potential in hearts. East will make the obvious switch to the ♣10.

6 D		N North	WES: NOR: EAS: SOL
		♠ J8	1N P 3N P
		♥ AJ942	P P
		♦ 62	
		♣ J843	
W West		E East	
♠ K1075		♠ A42	
♥ KQ5		♥ 83	
♦ 1093		♦ KQJ87	
♣ AKQ		♣ 765	
		S South	
		♠ Q963	
		♥ 1076	
		♦ A54	
		♣ 1092	
3NT West			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 6: This hand is similar to the last. Again, South must wait to take the ♦A until his partner has a chance to discard. Here he discards the ♣3, saying he doesn't like clubs and wants the original suit led back. North will take four hearts to defeat the contract. Many duplicate plays use a convention to show the same thing without relying on a discard. It's called the Smith Echo. When the declarer wins the opening lead and starts his own long suit, the original leader plays a high-low echo to indicate his like the suit he originally lead and asks for that suit to be led back when his partner gets the lead. Playing low-high on declarer's first two tricks in his own suit says he doesn't like his suit and suggests a switch.

7 D		N North	WES: NOR: EAS: SOL
		♠ AKQ	1♥ 1N P 3N
		♥ A108	P P P
		♦ A752	
		♣ 964	
W West		E East	
♠ J10		♠ 98653	
♥ KQJ94		♥ 652	
♦ K863		♦ 4	
♣ K3		♣ 8752	
		S South	
		♠ 742	
		♥ 73	
		♦ QJ109	
		♣ AQJ10	
3NT North			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 7: West should open 1♥ and North should overcall with 1NT, promising at least 1 stopper in hearts. He should also have a slightly stronger hand: a good 15 to 18. South will jump to 3NT. East leads the ♥2. When he hasn't supported the suit, his lead should show count: low from 3. Declarer has 6 top tricks. He can get 3 more from either minor. He has a choice of finessing into either hand. He should plan to finesse the diamonds into the hand with the short hearts; but only after that hand is out of hearts. Here he follows the Rule of 7 and holds up two times. He is also pretty sure that North has both kings for his opening bid.

		N North	WES: NOFEAS: SOL
D	8	♠J742 ♥K643 ♦QJ10 ♣98	P P 1N P 3N P P P
W West			E East
♠AQ10 ♥52 ♦8532 ♣A764			♠985 ♥A7 ♦AK64 ♣KQJ10
		S South	
		♠K63 ♥QJ1098 ♦97 ♣532	
3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0			

Board 8: South leads the ♥Q against a 3NT contract. East has 8 top tricks. He can establish a 9<sup>th</sup> trick in diamonds, but can't afford to lose to either opponent. He doesn't have enough hearts to void North in hearts. He might as well win the first heart and after taking all his minor suit winners, lead a low spade to the ♠Q in the dummy. Occasionally finesses do win.