

# Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

## PAB 51

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| D                             |                                 | N North                        | WESNOR EAS SOL                       |
| 1                             |                                 | ♠KJ54<br>♥102<br>♦KQ83<br>♣943 | P P 1N<br>P 2♣ P 2♦<br>P 3N P P<br>P |
| W West                        | E East                          | S South                        |                                      |
| ♠A3<br>♥KQ83<br>♦965<br>♣Q762 | ♠10987<br>♥J974<br>♦72<br>♣K108 | ♠Q62<br>♥A65<br>♦AJ104<br>♣AJ5 |                                      |
| 3NT South<br>NS: 0<br>EW: 0   |                                 |                                |                                      |

Board 1: Declarer has 6 top tricks. He can get 3 more spades if they break 3-3. He should play for a 4-2 break and lead toward the hand with the two honors. What of the lead of the ♥3? Since you see the ♥2 in dummy, the defenders must hold 4 hearts each. Therefore, they can get only 3 heart tricks. He might as well win the first heart and lead a low spade toward the dummy. When that wins, he comes to his hand in diamonds and leads again. The ♠A pops up and he has 9 tricks.

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| D                              |                                | N North                         | WESNOR EAS SOL                |
| 2                              |                                | ♠10987<br>♥J974<br>♦72<br>♣K108 | 1N P<br>2♣ P 2♦ P<br>3N P P P |
| W West                         | E East                         | S South                         |                               |
| ♠KJ54<br>♥102<br>♦KQ83<br>♣943 | ♠Q62<br>♥A65<br>♦AJ104<br>♣AJ5 | ♠A3<br>♥KQ83<br>♦965<br>♣Q762   |                               |
| 3NT East<br>NS: 0<br>EW: 0     |                                |                                 |                               |

Board 2: This is the same hand. This time, declarer ducks the first trick. North wins the ♥J but doesn't automatically return partner's lead. He looks at dummy and sees the ♥2. He then knows that the hearts are breaking 4-4 and declarer must have the ♥A (otherwise, he would have taken the first trick with a lower heart). He sees that to beat the contract, he must switch to clubs, leading the ♣10. This is a surround play. When you hold the card above and below the dummy's high card, lead the card just above. If declarer covers with the ♣J, South wins the ♣Q and reverts to hearts. The defense collects 1 spade, 3 hearts and 1 club. If declarer takes his club ace and leads a spade, South wins and returns a low club. The defenders get 1 spade, 1 heart and 3 clubs.

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| 3<br>D    | N North | WESNOR EAS SOL |
|           | ♠A762   | P 1N P 3N      |
|           | ♥K86    | P P P          |
|           | ♦AQJ    |                |
|           | ♣Q52    |                |
| W West    | E East  |                |
| ♠K3       | ♠QJ1095 |                |
| ♥QJ752    | ♥104    |                |
| ♦965      | ♦8742   |                |
| ♣AJ10     | ♣63     |                |
|           | S South |                |
|           | ♠84     |                |
|           | ♥A93    |                |
|           | ♦K103   |                |
|           | ♣K9874  |                |
| 3NT North |         |                |
| NS: 0     |         |                |
| EW: 0     |         |                |

Board 3: East leads the ♠Q. West should cover with the ♠K to unblock. Declarer will duck. But West should not lead back the spade. He has 11 HCP and declarer and his partner have at least 26. He has already "seen" 3 from partner. He cannot have any more points, thus no way to set up the spades and regain the lead to run those spades. Instead, West should switch to the ♥5, hoping his partner has the ♥10. This tact will produce the 5 tricks needed to set the contract.

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| 4<br>D    | N North | WESNOR EAS SOL |
|           | ♠A52    | P 1♥ P 3N      |
|           | ♥AK932  | P 6N P P       |
|           | ♦AK     | P              |
|           | ♣1074   |                |
| W West    | E East  |                |
| ♠J10987   | ♠63     |                |
| ♥4        | ♥J10765 |                |
| ♦10853    | ♦942    |                |
| ♣K82      | ♣QJ9    |                |
|           | S South |                |
|           | ♠KQ4    |                |
|           | ♥Q8     |                |
|           | ♦QJ76   |                |
|           | ♣A653   |                |
| 6NT South |         |                |
| NS: 0     |         |                |
| EW: 0     |         |                |

Board 4: South should respond 3NT, showing 13-15 points without heart support and without 4 spades. North should think slam. Blasting to 6NT is one way to get there! West leads the ♠J. Declarer has 11 top tricks. It looks easy to get an extra trick from hearts if they break 3-3 or 4-2. But what if they break 6-0 or 5-1? Let's look at 6-0. If West has them declarer is doomed. If East has them, declarer could lead a low heart from dummy, planning to put in his ♥8. If East plays an honor, declarer covers it and runs the ♥8 on the next round. If they are 5-1, he can still try a low heart to his ♥8. This gains when West has a low singleton or East has a singleton honor. This is a 92% chance.

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| 5<br>D    | N North | WESNOR EAS SOL |
|           | ♠A83    | 1♦ P 1♥        |
|           | ♥A      | P 2♣ P 3N      |
|           | ♦97643  | P P P          |
|           | ♣A852   |                |
| W West    | E East  |                |
| ♠Q1054    | ♠762    |                |
| ♥QJ1098   | ♥542    |                |
| ♦85       | ♦AJ10   |                |
| ♣76       | ♣KQJ10  |                |
|           | S South |                |
|           | ♠KJ9    |                |
|           | ♥K763   |                |
|           | ♦KQ2    |                |
|           | ♣943    |                |
| 3NT South |         |                |
| NS: 0     |         |                |
| EW: 0     |         |                |

Board 5: With a ♥Q lead, declarer counts 5 top tricks. He plans to get 4 more from diamonds. He leads a diamond to his ♥Q, which wins. If he goes to dummy in spades and leads another diamond, East should put up the ♦A, blocking the suit. He will shift to a club to take the

last dummy entry out and contract will go down. Declarer should, instead go to dummy first with ♣A. When East wins the ♦A, he can take the next 3 club tricks. However, South wins the next trick, plays the ♦Q and goes to dummy with the ♠A to run the rest of the diamonds.

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|   | <b>W</b> West<br>♠ 74<br>♥ Q103<br>♦ K85<br>♣ AJ865  | <b>E</b> East<br>♠ AQ5<br>♥ KJ9<br>♦ A72<br>♣ Q1093 |  |
|   | <b>S</b> South<br>♠ K10863<br>♥ A74<br>♦ 943<br>♣ 72 |   |  |
|   | 3NT East<br>NS: 0<br>EW: 0                           |   |  |

Board 6: South leads the ♠6. Declarer has 2 spades (given the lead), 2 diamonds and 1 club. He needs 3 more clubs and at least 1 heart. If he attempts the club finesse first, he goes down. North wins and returns a spade, the defenders clearing the suit. When South gets in with the ♥A, he runs the remaining spades and sets the contract. Declarer should knock out the defenders' entry card first, the ♥A. If South wins the first trick, he will lead another spade, which declarer ducks. He will get home. If South ducks the first heart, declarer should switch to the clubs and get home that way.

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| <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7</span><br/> <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">D</span> </div> | <b>N</b> North<br>♠ K4<br>♥ KQ7<br>♦ K1042<br>♣ Q954 | WES N OREAS SOL<br>P 3N P P<br>P                     |  |
|   | <b>W</b> West<br>♠ QJ1098<br>♥ J65<br>♦ 9873<br>♣ K  | <b>E</b> East<br>♠ 7632<br>♥ A1042<br>♦ 5<br>♣ 10876 |  |
|   | <b>S</b> South<br>♠ A5<br>♥ 983<br>♦ AQJ6<br>♣ AJ32  |  |  |
|   | 3NT South<br>NS: 0<br>EW: 0                          |  |  |

Board 7: Declarer needs two extra tricks. It looks obvious to lead to the ♣J, but that will lead to defeat. A 90% chance exists by first playing the ♣A. If low cards fall, he plays a diamond to the dummy and leads a club to his jack. If the suit is 3-2, everything is fine. If West has 4 clubs, declarer gets 3 tricks without difficulty. If East has king-fourth of clubs, he must duck the second round. Then declarer switches to hearts, establishing 9 tricks: 2 spades, 1 heart, 4 diamonds and 2 clubs.

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| D 8      |  | N North | WESNOREAS SOU |
|          |  | ♠943    | 1♦ P 1♠ P     |
|          |  | ♥10542  | 2N P 3♣ P     |
|          |  | ♦K      | 3♦ P 3N P     |
|          |  | ♣AJ862  | P P           |
| W West   |  | E East  |               |
| ♠86      |  | ♠AQJ52  |               |
| ♥AKQ     |  | ♥976    |               |
| ♦AJ982   |  | ♦1054   |               |
| ♣K54     |  | ♣Q7     |               |
|          |  | S South |               |
|          |  | ♠K107   |               |
|          |  | ♥J83    |               |
|          |  | ♦Q763   |               |
|          |  | ♣1093   |               |
| 3NT West |  |         |               |
| NS: 0    |  |         |               |
| EW: 0    |  |         |               |

Board 8: West should count this hand for 18 points and open 1♦. He jumps to 2NT on the second round and East should raise to 3NT. The ♣6 is led and declarer must put up dummy's ♣Q, which holds. He should play a LOW diamond to his ♦J, not the ♦10. This loses to North, who returns a spade. Declarer doesn't risk a losing finesse, because South will lead a club through his king. He wins the ♦A and now leads the ♦10. Here he will make his contract.