

Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

PAB 60



Board 1: (Note: the bidding shown is reversed. North is declarer in 3NT) East leads partner's spades and you see 1 spade, 3 hearts 1 diamond and 4 clubs, once the ♣A is knocked out. The danger is losing the first 4 spades. If you put up the ♠10 or ♠6, West will cover cheaply. If he wins this trick, declarer will be okay; but only if West doesn't hold the ♣A. If declarer wins this first trick, East will lead another spade thru the ♠Q when he gets in with the ♣A if East, indeed, holds it. However, if declarer puts up the ♠Q on the first trick, West must win the ♠A and declarer now has 2 stoppers in the suit, no matter who holds the ♣A.



Board 2: South leads the ♣3. North puts up the !CJ and declarer wins with the ♣K – not the ♣Q. Now South won't know who holds the ♣Q. When South gets in with the losing diamond finesse, he has a guess. If his partner holds the queen he must lead another club. If declarer holds it, he must switch to spades, hoping his partner has the ace and can send a club through. There is a solution. It is called the Smith Echo. Here, North can signal that he doesn't hold anything else in clubs by playing a low card on the next trick. If he held the ♣Q, he would play a high card on the next trick.



Board 3: Declarer has 4 top tricks and can get the rest from hearts and clubs. However, he must give up the lead twice. He should play low from dummy at trick 1. If East puts up the ♠Q, he wins the ace and has two stoppers in dummy. If East plays the ♠9, declarer wins the ace

and loses a heart or club to West. West will lead another spade. Declarer loses his ♠J to the ♠Q, but East has no more spades. Declarer has another stopper once he loses the other ace. If East did have another spade, the suit would be breaking 4-3 and declarer would still survive.



Board 4: Declarer has 9 top tricks but the clubs are blocked. There is no entry to dummy to take the ♣A. He should duck the first heart and take the second one. Then he should play off the minor suit winners and lead the ♥J. North will win and take 3 more hearts but he will be end played. He will either have to lead a club to dummy's ♣A or a spade into his ♠AQ tenace.



Board 5: Declarer has 8 top tricks. The 9th might come from spades if they split 3-3. Unlikely, but worth a try. No luck. He must get a second heart trick. The right way to play this combination is to duck the first heart. Play to the ♥A next and then lead to the ♥Q. When the ♥K pops up on the second heart lead, the problem is solved.



Board 6: What should West respond when partner opens 1NT? If you're playing 4-way transfers, respond 2NT showing diamonds. If partner bids diamonds, saying he likes them, he can sign off in 3NT. If he bids 3!C, saying he has one of the top three honors in diamonds, you bid 3NT. If he completes the transfer, he is saying he doesn't have those honors and you pass. Not playing 4-way transfers, just jump to 3NT.

		N	North	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
				2NT	P	3NT	P
				P	P	P	P
W	West						
♠	AJ632						
♥	KQ8						
♦	QA4						
♣	KQ						
3NT West		S		South		E	
NS: 0		♠K1085		East		♠74	
EW: 0		♥104		♥A93		♦95	
		♦J10762		♣J107643			
		♣98					

Board 7:

Board 7: EW: 0 ♣98 Declarer should use the Rule of 11 on the ♥5 lead. He knows that South has only 1 heart higher than the five and he played it on Trick 1. He needs two entries into the dummy to set up the clubs. After unblocking the ♣KQ, he leads the ♥8 up to the dummy and overtakes with the ♥9. Now he loses to North's ♣A, but he has the ♥A left in the dummy to enjoy the clubs.

		Hand Summary				
		North		South		East
		P	1♦	1♥	3NT	
D	8					
W	West					
	♣A10 ♥KJ1074 ♦A1083 ♦QJ7					
S	South					
	♠A74 ♥A62 ♦9 ♣A108653					
EAST: South		Hand Summary				
NS: 0		Hand Summary				
EW: 0		Hand Summary				

Board 8:

Board 8: EW: 0 ♣A108653 (Note: The bidding shown is reversed. North is the declarer in 3NT) Declarer should win the heart lead in the dummy with the ♥A, and then set up the clubs for the extra tricks. He will have 2 spades, 1 heart, and 5 clubs and can get another trick in the red suits. However, if he plays low on the first trick, West wins the ♥K and knows from the lead that declarer has 3 or 4 more hearts, including an honor. He should switch to diamonds. Seeing the ♦9 in the dummy, he should lead the ♦10. Now defenders will get 3 diamonds, 1 heart and 1 club.