

# Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

PAB 60

D		N North		WES NOR EAS! SOU	
1		♠A74 ♥A62 ♦9 ♣A108653		1♣ 1♥ 3N P P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠Q98652 ♥93 ♦Q742 ♣4		♠KJ3 ♥Q85 ♦KJ65 ♣K72		♠10 ♥KJ1074 ♦A1083 ♣QJ9	
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 1: South should raise North's 1♣ opening to 3NT. This shows 13-15 HCP and a heart stopper. East should read the ♥9 lead as the top of a doubleton after he wins the ♥K. That means declarer has a double stopper in hearts. He sees the impeding clubs in dummy and must shift to diamonds. Seeing the stiff ♦9 in dummy, he should lead the ♦10. This establishes 3 diamonds to go with the ♥K and a latter club winner.

2		N North		WES NOR EAS! SOU	
D		♠9852 ♥872 ♦54 ♣9643		1N P 2♣ P 2♦ P 3N P P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠KQJ4 ♥1065 ♦10972 ♣AQ		♠76 ♥AQ943 ♦K6 ♣K1052		♠A103 ♥KJ ♦AQJ83 ♣J87	
3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 2: Holding a strong club doubleton, maybe West should just raise to 3NT and not use Stayman. North should play the ♥2 on partner's low heart lead, showing discouragement. When South gets in with the ♦K, he should play the ♥A, hoping that declarer only holds two hearts.

3		N North		WES NOR EAS! SOU	
D		♠764 ♥98653 ♦A ♣AJ92		1N P 2♣ P 2♦ P 3♦ P 3N P P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠AKJ ♥AKJ ♦652 ♣10763		♠832 ♥Q1042 ♦743 ♣K85		♠Q1095 ♥7 ♦KQJ1098 ♣Q4	
3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 3: East uses Stayman to locate a spade fit. Finding none he rebids 3♦, showing a 4-card major and a 5-card diamond suit with game forcing values. Jumping right to game is dangerous if West holds no heart stopper. North leads the ♥9. South reads this as declarer holding ♥AKJ.

He should put up the ♥2 on this first trick; not the ♥Q. When North gets in with the ♦A he must realize that a shift to clubs immediately is essential. He must hope his partner holds the Kxx in clubs. He leads the ♣A and the ♣2 over to partner's ♣K. Now another club catches declarer ♣107 with partner's ♣J9.

D 4	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
	♠52	2♥ P P Dbl
	♥AQ3	P 3♣ P 3♥
	♦10952	P 3N P P
	♣9743	P
W West		E East
♠A4		♠J10986
♥KJ10987		♥42
♦643		♦A8
♣52		♣J1086
3NT North	S South	
NS: 0	♠KQ73	
EW: 0	♥65	
	♦KQJ7	
	♣AKQ	

Board 4: West opening of 2♥ is doubled by South. He is too strong to bid 2NT which would show a minimum hand in the pass out seat. North bids one of his minors and South cue bids 3♥ to ask for a heart stopper. North has a double stopper and raises to 3NT. East leads a heart. Declarer has only 5 top tricks. He needs to set up 3 diamond and 1 spade tricks for his contract. If he wins the first trick and plays a diamond, East should win and return a heart to establish the suit. West will be able to run it when he wins the ♠A. If, instead, declarer plays a spade, East should play the ♠J!. This promises the cards below the jack. West will win the ♠A and return a spade. Now when East wins the ♦A he will have 4 spades and the diamond to defeat the contract. Declarer should duck the first heart. Now he is safe no matter which suit he plays first. Ducking the first trick is usually the right action when you have 2 stoppers in the suit led and 2 high cards to knock out.

D 5	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
	♠KJ983	1♠ 1N P
	♥Q1097	2N P 3N P
	♦AK3	P P
	♣10	
W West		E East
♠742		♠AQ10
♥A83		♥K4
♦652		♦QJ1098
♣A542		♣K83
3NT East	S South	
NS: 0	♠65	
EW: 0	♥J652	
	♦74	
	♣QJ976	

Board 5: East and West have borderline hands that should get to 3NT. East has a 1NT overcall with 15 HCP and a 5-card diamond suit. West certainly has a raise with two primary honors worth almost 10 points themselves. East should raise to game with 3 probable spade winners and 3 or 4 diamond winners. The play is pro-forma.

6	D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
		♠KQJ ♥72 ♦J9642 ♣Q106	P 3N P 2N P P P
W West		E East	
♠1073 ♥J9864 ♦73 ♣854		♠98542 ♥AQ10 ♦A ♣9732	
		S South	
		♠A6 ♥K53 ♦KQ1085 ♣AKJ	
3NT South			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 6: If East wins the ♥A on the first trick the declarer will duck the second trick and win the third. Then when he knocks out the ♦A, East will have no more hearts to lead back. East must hope his partner has at lead the ♥J and SMOOTHLY put in his ♥Q on the first trick. Declarer will not dare duck this trick. Then the defenders will prevail in setting the contract. . When trying to establish a suit where declarer has one stopper, try to get him to use the stopper as soon as possible.

7	D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
		♠AK107 ♥KQ9 ♦Q1098 ♣108	P 1♦ P 3♣ P 3N P P P
W West		E East	
♠J653 ♥J762 ♦52 ♣K63		♠Q4 ♥A10854 ♦7643 ♣52	
		S South	
		♠982 ♥3 ♦AKJ ♣AQJ974	
3NT North			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 7: South opens 1♣ and it is right for North to show his diamonds before his spades. He has a game going hand and enough room to show both suits. When South rebids his clubs, North opts for the easiest game in 3NT. Declarer has 8 top tricks, given the lead. It looks tempting to take the club finesse. But if it loses to West, West will send a heart through declarer's honor doubleton, setting the contract. As long as West has one spade honor, the spade finesse can produce the extra trick needed. He goes to dummy with a diamond and runs the ♠9. This loses to East's ♠Q. The best East can do is to lead a club and tempt declarer to take the losing finesse. Declarer doesn't bite but wins the ♣A and leads another spade to finesse his ♠10, thereby making the contract.

D	8	N North	WES	NOR	EAS	SOU
		♠AQ2 ♥J985 ♦7 ♣AQ764	1♦	Db	P	1N
W	West	E East				
♠J874 ♥A3 ♦AQ1065 ♣K10			♠1095 ♥K762 ♦J43 ♣J93			
		S South				
		♠K63 ♥Q104 ♦K982 ♣852				
1NT South NS: 0 EW: 0						

Board 8: North double's West's 1QD opening and South advances 1NT, showing a minimum hand with no 4-card suit but with a diamond stopper. North has a minimum and passes also. After the diamond lead, declarer counts 5 top tricks. He needs 2 more tricks. It looks tempting to finesse the clubs but this results in East winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> club and lead a diamond through declarer. Defense ends with 4 diamonds and 2 hearts and a club. A better approach is to play on hearts and develop two extra tricks there. Defenders are limited to only the 4 diamonds and 2 hearts.