

Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

PAB 62

D		N North		WES NOR EAST SOU	
1		♠KJ3		1N P 3N	
		♥A74		P P P	
		♦AKJ9			
		♣852			
W West		E East			
♠1097		♠AQ84			
♥J92		♥1085			
♦64		♦Q73			
♣KJ1076		♣943			
3NT North		S South			
NS: 0		♠652			
EW: 0		♥KQ63			
		♦10852			
		♣AQ			

Board 1: It is best not to use Stayman with the South hand. 4-4-3-2 with a strong doubleton usually plays better in NT. If South did bid 2♣, West should double for the lead. Given the spade lead declarer has 1 spade, 3 hearts, 2 diamonds and 1 club. An extra trick can come in the diamonds through force. The 9th trick can come from a diamond finesse or a 3-3 break in hearts. If the finesse loses to East, East may switch to clubs and declarer will go down. Better to test the hearts first. Here they break. Take the last heart and then try the diamond finesse. If it wins, try the club finesse.

D		N North		WES NOR EAST SOU	
2		♠3		P 1♠	
		♥KQJ10		P 2♦ P 2♠	
		♦AQJ1098		P 3♥ P 3N	
		♣74		P P P	
W West		E East			
♠62		♠J1098			
♥954		♥A762			
♦7532		♦64			
♣KJ92		♣A83			
3NT South		S South			
NS: 0		♠AKQ754			
EW: 0		♥83			
		♦K			
		♣Q1065			

Board 2: South gets to 3NT after his partner shows both red suits. West will lead the ♣2, showing exactly 4 clubs. East wins and returns the ♣8; the top of the remaining doubleton. South will put in the ♣10, won by West's ♣J. Now what? To get two more clubs he must put East on lead. He should shift to a heart. If partner's entry was a diamond, he will get that lead from declarer soon enough.

3	D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
		♠A4 ♥863 ♦K10743 ♣532	P 1♠ P 2♣ P 2♥ P 2N P 3N P P
W West		E East	
♠K2 ♥54 ♦QJ9 ♣AJ10984		♠J8653 ♥AK72 ♦A65 ♣K	
		S South	
		♠Q1097 ♥QJ109 ♦82 ♣Q76	
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0			

Board 3: West is in 3NT. Given a diamond lead, declarer has 2 diamonds, 2 hearts and 2 clubs. The other 3 tricks must come from clubs. But the West hand is short of entries; especially if he wins the first trick in his hand. He must take the first trick on the board with the ♦A and overtake the ♣K with the ♣A. Once the clubs are set up he can force his way into his hand with one of the diamond honors.

4	D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
		♠J965 ♥K1074 ♦52 ♣K107	1♦ P 1N P 3N P P P
W West		E East	
♠4 ♥A62 ♦KQJ1098 ♣A82		♠AK7 ♥J98 ♦643 ♣J653	
		S South	
		♠Q10832 ♥Q53 ♦A7 ♣Q94	
3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0			

Board 4: North leads the ♠5. Declarer has 2 spades, 1 heart and 1 club. He can theoretically get 5 more tricks from diamonds. But if South wins the first diamond with his ♦A and leads another diamond, declarer is locked into the dummy and can't score the second spade honor. He runs the 5 diamonds and defenders both discard all their spades. He can't get back to his hand to score the remaining spade honor. Declarer must play both ♠AK before leading the diamond. As long as spades are splitting no worse than 5-4, declarer gets 9 tricks.

5	D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
		♠A95 ♥J54 ♦AK3 ♣AKQ8	2N P 3♠ P 3♦ P 3N P P P
W West		E East	
♠K102 ♥A763 ♦QJ109 ♣102		♠Q863 ♥82 ♦865 ♣J974	
		S South	
		♠J74 ♥KQ109 ♦742 ♣653	
3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0			

Board 5: East leads the ♠3. Declarer has 1 spade, 2 diamonds and 3 clubs. West must put in the ♠10 on the first trick or else give away a trick. He can get 3 more tricks from the hearts. He will take the 3rd spade and play on hearts. East will signal his heart doubleton by playing the ♥8 on the first heart. West will then know to hold up until the 3rd heart to take his ♥A. This cuts off communication to the rest of the hearts. As long as East holds onto his 4 clubs, declarer will fail.

6		D	
N North		WES NOR EASI SOU	
♠873		P P 1N P	
♥A10872		2♣ P 2♠ P	
♦1095		3N P P	
♣Q4		P P	
W West	E East		
♠K4	♠AQJ5		
♥KQ5	♥63		
♦QJ63	♦A742		
♣A986	♣J105		
S South			
♠10962			
♥J94			
♦K8			
♣K732			
3NT West			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 6: Declarer starts with 7 top tricks. He can get extra tricks from diamonds but if the finesse loses to South, a heart will be sent back through his remaining heart, setting the contract. The club finesse is into the safe hand. But declarer must be careful to take his ♠K first, otherwise it will block the suit. He goes to the dummy with his small spade and runs the ♣J, losing to North's ♣Q. If North returns a diamond, declarer wins the ♦A and runs the ♣10. He takes another finesse of his ♣9 and makes the contract.

7		D	
N North		WES NOR EASI SOU	
♠K4		P P 1N P	
♥KQ5		2♣ P 2♠ P	
♦QJ63		3N P P	
♣A986		P P	
W West	E East		
♠10962	♠873		
♥J94	♥A10872		
♦K85	♦109		
♣K32	♣Q74		
S South			
♠AQJ5			
♥63			
♦A742			
♣J105			
3NT North			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 7: This is the same hand as the last board, except clubs are 3-3 rather than 2-4. Now when declarer runs the ♣J, East should cover with the ♣K. Declarer cannot duck this or else East will lead a heart through. When declarer leads another club, West should duck. Declarer, with no hand entry, gets only 2 clubs tricks and goes down.

8		D	
N North		WES NOR EASI SOU	
♠10962		P P 1N P	
♥J94		2♣ P 2♠ P	
♦K8		3N P P	
♣K732		P P	
W West	E East		
♠AQJ5	♠K4		
♥63	♥KQ5		
♦A742	♦QJ63		
♣965	♣AJ108		
S South			
♠873			
♥A10872			
♦1095			
♣Q4			
3NT East			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 8: This is another variation of the same hand. This time, the dummy has only 1 high club (♣9). He must vary his approach. After the ♠K and a low spade to the ♠J, he leads a low club to his ♣J. If South wins and shifts to a diamond, declarer calls for the ace, runs the club nine, repeats the club finesse and gets home. How can this be defeated? South does not win the first club trick with the ♣Q. When declarer tries the finesse again, South wins and defeats the contract. This is a very hard play for South to make.