

# Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

## PAB 63

D		N North		WES NOR EAS SOU	
1		♠AK7 ♥AK2 ♦A4 ♣A8653		2♣ P 2♦ P 2N P 3♣ P 3♦ P 3N P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠542 ♥Q106 ♦J1098 ♣KQ10		♠63 ♥8754 ♦KQ6532 ♣7		♠QJ1098 ♥J93 ♦7 ♣J942	
3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 1: There are 8 top tricks for the declarer and he will have extra tricks if the diamonds break no worse than 3-2. Can the contract make if they are 4-1? Yes, if the hearts break 3-3. Declarer should play 3 rounds of hearts before attacking the diamonds. Here, the heart provides the extra trick.

D		N North		WES NOR EAS SOU	
2		♠AK8 ♥J ♦AKQJ63 ♣J72		P 1♦ P 1N P 3N P P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠J73 ♥A1086 ♦954 ♣K96		♠Q54 ♥Q74 ♦1072 ♣A843		♠10962 ♥K9532 ♦8 ♣Q105	
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 2: If West wins the second trick cheaply with the ♥8, the defenders are held to only 4 tricks. West will play the ♥A and the ♥10 and then be stuck in his hand. West should realize his partner has at least 5 hearts, because South didn't respond 1♥ to the opening 1♦. So it can't hurt to win the second trick with the ♥10. Then he plays the ♥A and the ♥8, which East can overtake with the ♥9 and cast the 5<sup>th</sup> heart.

D		N North		WES NOR EAS SOU	
3		♠K10752 ♥K65 ♦1043 ♣J6		1N P 3N P P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠QJ4 ♥743 ♦AKQ6 ♣A95		♠96 ♥A82 ♦752 ♣Q10843		♠A83 ♥QJ109 ♦J98 ♣K72	
3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 3: Winning the first spade and leading a heart will allow the contract to be set. Declarer should go to dummy and lead a heart. If South plays low, declarer will get 2 more spade tricks to go with the other 7 tricks. South has only 1 spade left so he should rise with the ♥A and allow his partner to win the next heart and play the setting spades. The solution is for declarer to duck

the first trick. South will lead back a spade but when he wins the ♥A later, he won't have any spades left to lead.

D 4	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
	♠874	1♣ 1♥ Dbl P
	♥AQ985	2♣ P 3N P
	♦QJ10	P P
♣85		
W West	E East	
♠AK	♠QJ109	
♥10742	♥K6	
♦A	♦K763	
♣Q107643	♣AJ9	
	S South	
	♠6532	
	♥J3	
	♦98542	
	♣K2	
3NT East		
NS: 0		
EW: 0		

Board 4: Given the lead, declarer can count 8 top tricks. The natural play is to go to dummy in spades and run a club against East's ♣K. This will lose to West who will set the contract by returning his ♥3. A better play is to duck the first heart lead! West will lead his ♥3 but the ♥10 will serve as a stopper. Now when the club finesse loses, West will have to choice but lead a suit declarer can win. Then he runs the clubs.

D 5	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
	♠A8632	1♣ P 2♦
	♥K7642	P 2♥ P 2N
	♦AK	P 3♥ P 3N
♣2	P P	
W West	E East	
♠KJ7	♠Q109	
♥Q95	♥AJ10	
♦52	♦743	
♣Q10763	♣J954	
	S South	
	♠54	
	♥83	
	♦QJ10986	
	♣AK8	
3NT South		
NS: 0		
EW: 0		

Board 5: It looks like declarer has 9 top tricks: 1 spade, 6 diamonds and 2 clubs. The trouble is that the lead of the club makes it impossible to get back to his hand once he unblocks dummy's diamonds. He must duck the first trick. Now East will win his ♠CJ and return a club. South win and plays another club, discarding those nasty diamonds in the dummy.

D 6	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
	♠Q9853	P P 1♦
	♥10987	Dbl P 2♣ P
	♦10	2N P 3N P
♣643	P P	
W West	E East	
♠AJ4	♠107	
♥AK43	♥652	
♦KJ9	♦Q85	
♣QJ7	♣A10982	
	S South	
	♠K62	
	♥QJ	
	♦A76432	
	♣K5	
3NT West		
NS: 0		
EW: 0		

Board 6: West doubles and then bids 2NT. This shows a very strong hand, greater than 17 points. East should raise to 3NT. In spite of South's opening of 1♦, North should lead his 5-card spade suit. If the declarer wins the first trick, he will have to lose to the ♣K in South. South will return the ♠6 and North will take 4 spades to go along with the ♦A. Declarer should duck the first and second spade trick. Now when he loses to the ♣K, South will have no more spades to lead.

7 D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
	♠AKQ3 ♥J95 ♦J109 ♣KQ10	P 1N P 3N P P P
W West	E East	
♠1052 ♥K6 ♦AQ742 ♣875	♠764 ♥108743 ♦85 ♣A62	
3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠J98 ♥AQ2 ♦K63 ♣J943	

Board 7: East leads a low heart and declarer calls for the ♥2 in dummy, expecting East to hold the ♥K. To his dismay, West wins the ♥K and shifts to a low diamond. When declarer drives out the ♣A, East wins and returns his last diamond. West wins the ♦A and plays another diamond. Now when he gets in with the ♥K, he takes two more diamond to set the contract. Declarer should win the first heart lead with the ♥A. Then when East wins the ♣A, declarer can handle any return for 9 tricks.

8 D	N North	WES NOR EAS SOU
	♠K732 ♥96 ♦K3 ♣98752	1♦ P 2N P 3N P P
W West	E East	
♠106 ♥KJ3 ♦AQJ984 ♣AK	♠A4 ♥AQ10 ♦10652 ♣J1043	
3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠QJ985 ♥87542 ♦7 ♣Q6	

Board 8: Declarer has 7 top tricks. He can get more thru diamonds. But the diamond finesse has risks. After the initial spade lead, East is open to 4 more spade losers if he gives up the lead. Rather than risk all on the finesse, he should play off the ♣AK. If the queen falls, he can get his two extra tricks from clubs and not risk the diamond finesse.