

# Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

## PAB 66

D		N North		WES NOR EAS SOUT	
1		♠K52		♠1 P 1N	
		♥K8		P 2N P P	
		♦AQ		P P	
		♣AQ10532			
W West		E East			
♠AJ1076		♠3			
♥A654		♥J732			
♦852		♦K9763			
♣7		♣K94			
S South					
♠Q984					
♥Q109					
♦J104					
♣J86					
2NT South					
NS: 0					
EW: 0					

Board 1: South won the first spade lead with the ♠Q and led a low club. If East ducks, declarer may misplay. He might have played a heart to his ♥Q. Then West would have won and played a heart. If East wins the first club trick and returns a heart, declarer takes 9 tricks. South would have been better off leading the ♣J when attacking clubs. If East ducked, he would still be in his hand to repeat the finesse.

D		N North		WES NOR EAS SOUT	
2		♠73		♠2 P P	
		♥A1087		P 2N P 2	
		♦J1096		P P 3N	
		♣A63		P P	
W West		E East			
♠542		♠AKQ			
♥Q63		♥KJ54			
♦743		♦AK52			
♣QJ109		♣K7			
S South					
♠J10986					
♥92					
♦Q8					
♣8542					
SNT North					
NS: 0					
EW: 0					

Board 2: South leads the J and counts 5 top tricks. He needs to knock out the aces in the rounded suits. After winning the first spades with the ♠K, he attacks clubs. North wants to take his ♣A when declarer plays his last club. He needs a signal from South who should first play the ♣5, then the ♣2 on the next club, showing an even number. North will take the second club and lead back a spade. Declarer will win the ♠A, and needing to get to the dummy, will lead the ♥K. North should recognize what declarer is attempting, and hold up the ace. Declarer will lead a low heart to dummy's ♥Q and North will win and return the ♦J or ♥10. Either suit will defeat the contract.

D		N North		WES NOR EAS SOUT	
3		♠A1098		♠3 P P	
		♥AJ65		P 3N P P	
		♦KQ		P P	
		♣Q109		3♦	
W West		E East			
♠Q653		♠KJ742			
♥832		♥K1094			
♦J85		♦2			
♣K65		♣AJ2			
S South					
♠					
♥Q7					
♦A1097643					
♣8743					
SNT North					
NS: 0					
EW: 0					

Board 3: East leads the ♠4. West puts up the ♠Q and declarer wins the ♠A and unblocks the ♦KQ. He must find get back to the dummy with his ♥Q. He hopes the ♥K is in East. He leads up to the dummy and East takes his ♥K. He cashes his ♠J. Declarer want him to continue the spades, making good his ♠10. East shouldn't fall for this because West should signal with "present count". On the second spade, West should play the ♠3, showing he started with 4 spades and thus

declarer also started with 4 spades. East, after taking the ♠KJ should shift to the ♣2, This would set the contract.

D 4	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
	♠65 ♥942 ♦763 ♣K10865	1N P 2P P 2A P 3N P P P
	W West	E East
	♠83 ♥A107 ♦AKQ92 ♣QJ7	♠AQJ72 ♥J63 ♦J108 ♣43
	S South	
	♠K1094 ♥KQ85 ♦54 ♣A92	
3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0		

Board 4: North leads the 6♣. South wins the ♣A and returns the ♣9. Declarer will play his honor, If North wins the ♣K and knocks out declarer's last stopper, South will have no more clubs to lead when he later wins the spade finesse. To keep communications with his partner, North should duck trick 2. Now, South will have a spade to lead through the declarer's remaining honor and the contract will be set.

D 5	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
	♠KQ62 ♥1065 ♦10542 ♣AQ	P P P 1N P 2A P 2P P 3N P P P
	W West	E East
	♠94 ♥AQ943 ♦K7 ♣7632	♠J1087 ♥872 ♦83 ♣K1094
	S South	
	♠A53 ♥KJ ♦AQJ96 ♣J85	
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0		

Board 5: West will lead the ♥4. East normally plays 3<sup>rd</sup> hand high". Although playing the ♥8 over dummy's ♥5 isn't wrong; there is another rule that helps the defense. When 3<sup>rd</sup> hand can't play the 9 or higher, he should give count. If he plays the ♥2 on the first trick, West can infer he started with 3 hearts and therefore, declarer started with two hearts. When declarer takes the diamond finesse and West wins the ♦K, he should plunk down the ♥A, knowing that declarer must play the ♥K under it. The rest of West's hearts win 4 more tricks.

D 6	N North	WES NOR EAS SOL
	♠9842 ♥83 ♦9542 ♣A65	3N P P P 1N P P P P
	W West	E East
	♠KJ7 ♥965 ♦KJ7 ♣KJ72	♠AQ5 ♥Q72 ♦AQ8 ♣Q1094
	S South	
	♠1063 ♥AKJ104 ♦1063 ♣83	
3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0		

Board 6: South leads the ♥A. North should play the ♥3, a discouraging signal to show he doesn't have an honor. East should do his best to disguise that signal and play the ♥7 – trying to convince South that his partner started with ♥Q32. Granted, it shouldn't work. West lead of the ♥A should be from a suit no weaker than ♥AKJ, and East would drop the ♥Q under the ♥A. As it is, West should switch to another suit after the ♥A. Whichever suit that is, declarer will have to lose to North's ♣A. He will still have a heart to return through East's ♥Q and defeat of the contract. When South switches, he must lead a high card, signaling that he wants the original suit led back.

7 D	N North	WES: NOR: EAS: SOL
	♠ J9874 ♥ Q103 ♦ Q85 ♣ 54	1N P 3N P P P
	W West	E East
	♠ Q105 ♥ AK72 ♦ AK43 ♣ 83	♠ A63 ♥ 85 ♦ 62 ♣ KJ10976
3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠ K2 ♥ J964 ♦ J1097 ♣ AQ2	

Board 7: North leads the ♠7. Now declarer counts 2 spade tricks (given the lead) 2 hearts, and 2 diamonds. He needs 3 more tricks and they must come from clubs. South will win the ♠K and lead his remaining spade. West will win and lead the ♣8. If South wins, West will get in whatever red suit South leads. He will lead his last club to South's remaining winner. Declarer will be able to access the dummy's club with the ♠A. South should smoothly duck the first club. Now declarer will have to use the dummy's ♠A to knock out the second club and won't have another entry to use them.

8 D	N North	WES: NOR: EAS: SOL
	♠ A93 ♥ AK6 ♦ K84 ♣ Q1072	P 1N P 2♠ P 2♦ P 2♣ P P 3N
	W West	E East
	♠ 106542 ♥ Q105 ♦ Q1097 ♣ A	♠ 8 ♥ J9742 ♦ AJ63 ♣ 653
3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠ KQJ7 ♥ 83 ♦ 52 ♣ KJ984	

Board 8: East leads the ♥4. North's top tricks are 4 spades and 2 hearts. He can get 3 more tricks from clubs. What is the danger? The danger is that West will win the ♣A and shift to a high diamond. North could lose 4 diamonds and a club before he took his 9 tricks. To dissuade West from shifting to a diamond, North must win the first heart trick with the ♥K, not the ♥A. When you win the first trick with the ace in a notrump contract you are advertising that you have no worries in that suit. If you had only the ace, you would hold up at least once.