

Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

PAB 9

D		N North		WES NOF EAS SOL	
1		♠72 ♥63 ♦A75432 ♣542		P P P 2N P 3N P P P	
W West		E East			
♠KQJ109 ♥K7 ♦108 ♣J1086		♠8653 ♥QJ1094 ♦QJ ♣97			
		S South			
		♠A4 ♥A852 ♦K96 ♣AKQ3			
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 1: North must ignore his long diamonds and just raise to 3NT.

West leads the ♠K and declarer must have a 2-2 split in diamonds to bring home the contract. But, he also must watch out for the diamond blockage. He must ditch the ♦9 under the dummy's ♦A; otherwise he can't enjoy all those diamonds.

D		N North		WES NOF EAS SOL	
2		♠74 ♥1093 ♦8654 ♣QJ109		2♣ P 2N P 2♦ P 2N P 3N P P	
W West		E East			
♠A5 ♥762 ♦QJ109 ♣8653		♠K632 ♥AK5 ♦A2 ♣AK74			
		S South			
		♠QJ1098 ♥QJ84 ♦K73 ♣2			
3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 2: Most would open this hand 2NT. But these 21 points are all aces and kings. Most 2NT hand have 8 or fewer control points. A control point is 2 for an ace and 1 for a king. This East hand has 9 control points so can be upgraded to a 2♣ opening. In 3NT, South leads the ♠Q. East has 7 top tricks and must get the extra tricks from the diamonds. He must not take the diamond finesse of the queen. The suit will become blocked. He wins the first lead in his hand and plays the ♦A and another diamond until he forces out the king. Then uses the dummy's ♠A to take additional diamonds.

3	D	N North	WES: NOR: EAS: SOL
		♠AK4 ♥A643 ♦K7652 ♣A	P 2♣ P 2♥ P 3♣ P 3N P P
W West		E East	
♠532 ♥KJ8 ♦J1093 ♣763		♠109876 ♥Q109 ♦AQ ♣542	
		S South	
		♠QJ ♥752 ♦84	
3NT South			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 3: South has only 9 HCP and the spade points are dubious. However, the long club suit makes the hand worth responding 2♣ and rebidding them. North will settle for 3NT. East should lead the ♠10, a top of nothing lead. Declarer needs all 6 clubs must the suit is blocked. He needs the dummy entry and can create one by winning the initial lead in his hand with the ♠A. He then unblocks the ♣A and lead a low spade to dummy's ♠Q to access the rest of the clubs.

4	D	N North	WES: NOR: EAS: SOL
		♠KQJ109 ♥853 ♦6 ♣10984	1N P 3N P P P
W West		E East	
♠A5 ♥J94 ♦AKQ42 ♣Q73		♠83 ♥AKQ ♦9873 ♣J652	
		S South	
		♠7642 ♥10762 ♦J105 ♣AK	
3NT West			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 4: West is in 3NT. The opening lead is the ♠K. Declarer has 7 top tricks, but can't afford to lose the lead. He must hope for a 2-2 or 3-1 diamond break. But he must watch out for the diamond blockage. He must discard the dummy's top diamonds on the ♦AKQ. Then he can stay in his hand to take the remaining two diamonds.

5	D	N North	WES: NOR: EAS: SOL
		♠74 ♥J1098 ♦Q54 ♣Q1086	P 1N P 2♣ P 2♥ P 3♣ P 3N P 6N P P
W West		E East	
♠A652 ♥K2 ♦K6 ♣AK743		♠KQ3 ♥AQ65 ♦A932 ♣J5	
		S South	
		♠J1098 ♥743 ♦J1087 ♣92	
6NT East			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 5: West used Stayman to locate a spade fit, but when East showed 4 hearts, he should rebid 3♣. This shows 4 spades and 5 clubs and sufficient point for at least a game. It is often done with slam intentions. With a weaker hand, he should just rebid 3NT. When East rebid 3NT, West should raise to 6NT on the basis of points. East has 10 top tricks. He should play on dummy's 5-card club suit to get 2 extra tricks. He should win the ♦J lead in the dummy and lead a low club to his ♣J. Whatever North does, declarer will always get 4 clubs. If the initial club should lose to South's ♣Q, he can hope for a 3-3 club split or execute an end play.

6		N North	WES: NOF: EAS: SOL
		♠QJ1098	1N P 1♦ P
		♥743	P 3N P
		♦6	P P
		♣KJ83	
W West		E East	
♠K63		♠A72	
♥QJ10		♥AK	
♦J98		♦KQ10754	
♣9765		♣Q10	
	S South		
	♠54		
	♥98652		
	♦A32		
	♣A42		
3NT West			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 6: East opens 1♦ and West responds 1NT. East will raise to 3NT. North leads the ♠Q and declarer counts 5 top tricks. He can get 5 more tricks from diamonds, once he knocks out the ♦A. When South wins the ♦A, he must look for a switch before declarer runs those diamonds. This must be clubs. The order of play is important: South starts with the ♣2 (low from 3) which is won by North's ♣K. North returns the ♣3 (low from remaining three) which is won by South's ♣A. South leads his remaining ♣4 to North's ♣8 (high enough to cover West's card) and wins the final club to set the contract.

7		N North	WES: NOF: EAS: SOL
		♠KQ104	1N
		♥KQ103	P 2♣ P 2♦
		♦J76	P 3N P
		♣52	P
W West		E East	
♠752		♠963	
♥865		♥A74	
♦1092		♦8543	
♣KJ93		♣A86	
	S South		
	♠AJ8		
	♥J92		
	♦AKQ		
	♣Q1074		
3NT South			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 7: West will lead the ♣3, low from his longest suit. Declarer, in 3NT, counts 7 top tricks. He can get 3 more tricks from hearts once he knocks out the ♥A. East wins the initial lead with the ♣A and returns the ♣8 (top of remaining doubleton.) West wins declarer's ♣10 with his ♣J. West must not play his ♣K because he knows that the declarer has the ♣Q and another club. He needs to get his partner on lead to lead the clubs. He doesn't have to worry because declarer will turn to hearts. East will win and return the remaining club to set the contract.

8		N North	WES: NOF: EAS: SOL
		♠KQ109	P 2N P 3N
		♥96	P P
		♦AK52	
		♣AKQ	
W West		E East	
♠7632		♠A4	
♥K103		♥Q8542	
♦Q1098		♦J7	
♣J10		♣9743	
	S South		
	♠J85		
	♥AJ7		
	♦643		
	♣8652		
3NT North			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

Board 8: West has 19 points but can upgrade the hand because he holds 7 control points (A=2, K=1). He needn't worry about hearts; that's his partner's responsibility. He opens 2NT. South raises to 3NT. East leads the ♥4. Declarer has 6 top tricks and needs 3 more from spades,

once the ♠A is knocked out. West should realize that his partner holds the ♥Q. Leading low from a suit in notrump promises at least one honor. The queen is the only honor he can have. He should insert the ♥10. Then he can play the ♥K, the top of the remaining doubleton, and force out the dummy's ♥A. When East regains the lead with the ♠A, he can run the remaining hearts to set the contract.